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Major rallies party for 'the real fight'

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

JOHN MAJOR widened the political divide with Tony Blair over education, crime and the economy yesterday as he rallied the Tories and put them on a war footing for a general election in which he promised that they could achieve the final defeat of socialism.

The Prime Minister used his speech to the Tory conference in Blackpool to mark out the election battleground with a series of announcements designed to emphasise his party's distinctive appeal and the main differences between himself and Labour.

But he also strongly reaffirmed the Tories' claim to be the one-nation party, attempting to reassure MPs and ministers who fear the party is drifting too far to the right. Mr Major was in effect telling a party shaken by the defection of Alan Howarth to Labour that he does not intend to forsake the centre ground. Conservatives, he declared, were "united, healed, renewed and thirsting for the real fight with Labour".

Activists were heartened as Mr Major announced a crusade against crime on the streets, with 5,000 additional police, 10,000 more closed-circuit TV cameras and a new national crime squad after the style of the FBI and assisted for the first time by MI5.

Along with the tough new sentencing regime announced by Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, on Thursday, Mr Major was trying to puncture Labour's claim at its conference last week that it is now the party of law and order.



Major theme: "united, healed, renewed"

On education he revealed a vivid contrast with Labour. Last week Mr Blair's party confirmed its intention to scrap the assisted places scheme, under which children from poor families are helped to go to private schools. Mr Major announced a £110 million plan to double the extent of the scheme so that it could help up to 70,000 children. The Prime Minister also promised more freedoms for schools to become specialist or religious, and repeated his objective that all schools should eventually become grant-maintained.

But it was on the economy, and particularly on taxes, that Mr Major tried hardest to highlight the differences between the parties. He promised that income tax, inheritance tax and capital gains tax would all come down, with the last two eventually being scrapped altogether.

He said that high spending and high taxes were no longer an option, and he made plain that he wants to encourage investment and wealth creation. His aim is to achieve the lowest tax burden among the main European economies with low coporate and personal tax rates.

The central theme of the speech was that only the Tories have the economic policies to take Britain through to the millennium, and to help it to become what he called the "unrivalled enterprise centre of Europe".

Mr Major declared that, if his aims of competing with America, Japan and the Pacific Basin were to be achieved, "high spending and high taxes are no longer an option. If the state spends too much it taxes too much. In the recession we had to put taxes up to protect the vulnerable. Now the reces-

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SIMON WALKER



Professor Rotblat yesterday. "I went for a walk because I had to think about it and what it meant. I walked for three-quarters of an hour.'

Nobel for British anti-nuclear campaigner

BY NICK NUTTALL AND NIGEL HAWKES

A POLISH-BORN British physicist who kept a link open between nuclear scientists from East and West during the Cold War, was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize yesterday.

The award to Professor Joseph Rotblat, 86, of the Pugwash Conferences on Science and World Affairs, was made partly in protest against France's decision to resume nuclear testing.

Francis Sejersted, chairman of the Nobel Peace committee, said: "The specific message to the French is a protest against the nuclear tests, as it is a protest against nuclear tests in general and nuclear armaments in general." Professor Rotblat is Britain's first winner of the prize for 15 years. "It came completely unexpectedly," he said. "I read today that the people who are going to get it were the Prime Minister and the former Prime Minister of Ireland. All these big names and I thought 'where do I come in?' No one has ever heard of me."

Professor Rotblat said he had heard of the award in a call at 10.15 yesterday morning. "A telephone call came from somebody from the Nobel committee telling me not to mention it to anybody until 11 o'clock, when it would be officially announced. Then I went for a walk because I felt I had to think about it and what it meant.

"I was going to go to the British Museum (opposite his office in Great Russell Street), but there were too many people there so I just walked the streets for three-quarters of an hour."

Professor Rotblat also took the opportunity to criticise the French yesterday. Their tests, he said, had put the nuclear issue back on the agenda. "People are talking about it again. They do not want tests. And because of this strong protest, President Chirac felt obliged to say, 'as soon as we finish these tests we will have a test ban treaty', which he has not said before."

A physicist who moved to Britain from Poland in the late 1930s, and later worked at Los Alamos Laboratory in New Mexico where the atom bomb was built, Professor Rotblat has come to symbolise the conscience of physicists over the weapon they created.

For most of the Cold War, the Pugwash Conferences, named after a small village in Nova Scotia where the first one was held in 1957, kept open an avenue of communication between East and West. Attended by scientists from both sides, they carried weight because their participants had real knowledge at a time when the subject was top secret.

The award, worth $1 million (£630,000), was shared equally between Professor Rotblat and the Pugwash organisation, of which he is President. The Pugwash Secretary-General, Francesco Calogero, an Italian physics professor, said the organisation's current aim was a worldwide treaty completely banning nuclear tests. The $500,000 share would be a boost for "a very lean organisation".

VC holder misses news of £1,200 increase

BY LIN JENKINS

JOHN MAJOR yesterday raised the payment to holders of the George Cross and the Victoria Cross from £100 a year to £1,300, but the old soldier at the VE-Day commemorations recalled by the Prime Minister spent the day on his smallholding in an Indian village unaware that it was he who prompted a change in the annuity for the bravest of the brave.

Havildar Umrao Singh, 75, who was awarded the VC while serving in the Indian army in Burma, now enjoys a peaceful retirement in Haryana State. However, the lack of telephones and facsimile machines in the remote north Indian village meant that the Victoria Cross and George Cross Association was unable to tell him that he had been mentioned in Mr Major's Blackpool speech. The Prime Minister told how Umrao Singh was about to be turned away from the official ceremony when a brigadier passing by recognised the medal pinned to his chest as the VC, the highest award for gallantry in the armed forces. He was led to his seat of honour on the platform and later met Mr Major and his wife and was presented to the Queen Mother among ten holders of the honour.



Umrao Singh: presented to the Queen Mother

Didy Grahame, secretary to the association, said last night: "Umrao Singh is a fine upstanding man and an independent individual as they all are. No doubt he will hear all about it in good time, but for the moment he knows nothing."

Umrao Singh has twice visited Britain this year with an Indian Government contingent. He took part in the VE Day commemorations and was among the 21 of 30 VC holders who served in the Second World War who took part in the Royal Tournament. He is flying in again to take part in an association reunion in London in two weeks.

He was awarded the Victoria Cross for an incident in December 1944 when, as Subahdar-Major in the Royal Indian Artillery, he was in charge of a gun in an advanced section of his battery and repeatedly beat off enemy attacks.

"In the final assault on the objective, he struck down three of the enemy in hand-to-hand fighting and later, when found exhausted and wounded beside his gun there were ten of the enemy lying dead around him. The gun was still in working order and was in action again that day," the account of deed reads.

Mrs Grahame said all the association members thought it was extremely nice that they had been remembered and their annuity increased. William Reid, 73, who won the VC as a young flight lieutenant when he was badly wounded by enemy fire over The Netherlands, but carried on to drop his bombs on Düsseldorf with blood freezing on his face, said: "It is marvellous. A lot of the Gurkhas and Indian people are living in penury."

Leeson sells life story for £450,000

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY

NICHOLAS LEESON, the trader blamed for the £860-million collapse of Britain's oldest merchant bank, has sold his life story for £450,000. The money will go towards paying his legal fees.

Mr Leeson's biography was bought at the Frankfurt Book Fair, close to Höchst prison where the former dealer in derivatives for Barings Bank is fighting extradition to Singapore.

The worldwide English language rights have been been secured by Little Brown UK. Phillipa Harrison, the managing director, said that Mr Leeson named names and that a number of people were likely to find the book embarrassing, adding: "It hasn't been read by lawyers yet."

A German court has ruled that the Briton can be extradited to Singapore on charges of fraud and forgery. An appeal is expected.

Mr Leeson has engaged a lawyer in Frankfurt and another is being instructed in Singapore.

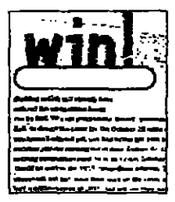
The money will be paid in stages, it is understood. Some will be handed over on the signing of the deal, more on delivery of the manuscript. Publication is expected at the end of any trial. The book is being written with Edward Whitley, a journalist and former merchant banker.

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Indian summer set to continue

The Indian summer is set to continue until the middle of next week with temperatures around 21C to 23C — just over 70F — in most parts of the country.

The temperature reached that level yesterday for the sixth successive day, the longest such run since October 1969, and if the warm spell continues for another six days the record set in 1921 will be broken.

London and Jersey were the warmest places yesterday at 22C (72F).

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Neo-Nazis given heavy sentences

Hefty prison sentences were imposed yesterday on four German neo-Nazi sympathisers who set ablaze a Turkish home in the steel city of Solingen, killing five women and girls. The three ypunger defendants were sentenced to ten years in a youth prison. The oldest was sentenced to 15 years in jail. In Germany, the trial has gained something of the controversy of the O. J. Simpson case.... Page 12

Shares near record

Shares came within a whisker of their record level yesterday as dealers predicted further takeovers following the Lloyds and TSB merger. The FT 100 index, which rose nearly points on Thursday, jumped a further 44.2 to 3568, two points short of its record of 3570.813 ..... Page 25

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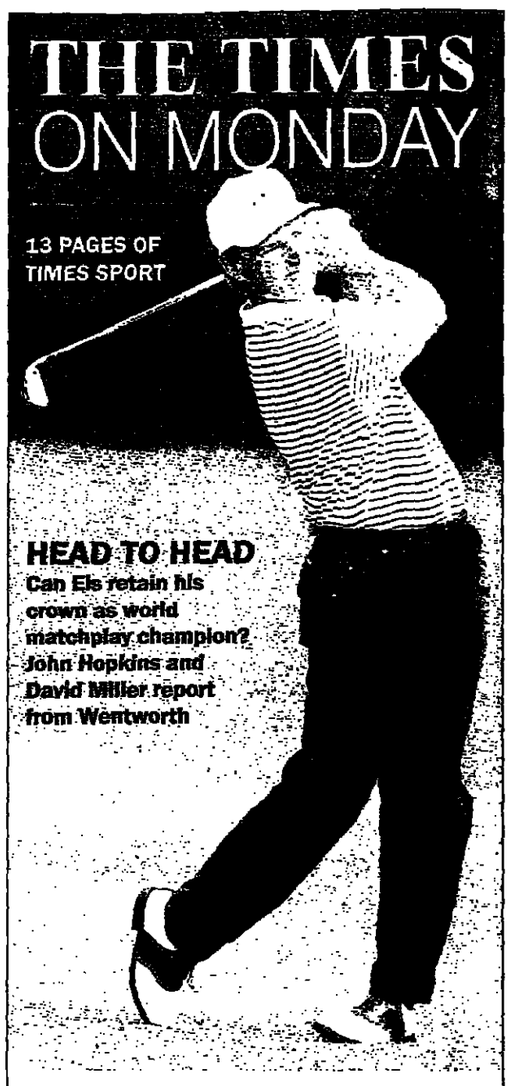
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MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

THE speech was over. John Major left the platform. Waves of rapturous applause finally died. With this, three party leaders' autumn performances were history. We could look back and judge. Who was the winner of the 1995 conference season?

No contest. Humphrey the Cat has been the only personality to draw cheers across the political spectrum. From every podium this year — in Glasgow, Brighton and Blackpool — leading politicians claimed him as an ally.

Last week, Humphrey was pictured by John Prescott as having to be dragged, spitting, back through the Downing Street cat-flap as "the only cat to have rejoined a sinking ship". Yesterday the PM asked us to imagine Humphrey's horror as Labour's plans for the economy were run past this most numerate of cats for appraisal. Apparently the feline economist did the sums and made a bolt for it.

The story delighted Mr Major's audience. But Humphrey was only one of a supporting cast of celebrities in whose reflected glory he yesterday basked. Also mentioned were Norma, a goldfish and the Baroness Thatcher. The goldfish drew the most applause.

There was a section, though for the women in Major's life. "And there's someone else who's always been there when the stakes were high," said the Prime Minister, rather warily we thought. "She's here today, too ..." A shiver of expectation swept the hall. Hooray! She was to make a second appearance after all! We sat back and prepared to sing *Happy Birthday Dear Maggie* ... the spotlight fell on a demure-looking lady. Norma Major smiled and acknowledged the applause.

With a cat, two women and a goldfish behind him, John Major's speech could not now fail. In fact it proved a thumping success. If the rhetoric and argument fell just short of lending his party wings, it certainly got their boots on. Many of us ended the speech still unsure whether the Tories can win the next election; but no longer in any doubt that they can put up a damn good fight.

Major contrived a winning combination of that shy, Princess Diana smile, and a bold, assured, stubborn tone, full of authority. The tone was new, the bond with ordinary members of his party stronger than ever: you could feel it in the hall. "A good speech from a good man," a lady near me whispered. I later heard precisely that phrase, separately, from two other representatives. It seems to have caught the mood.

Some speak of the week just past as signifying a lurch to the Right. The Home Secretary certainly did present some unusual proposals and the language on Europe was less compromising.

But beneath the headlines from the warriors of the Right you can find, if you want, a different picture. After a quiet speech, Gillian Shephard had only to smile to draw applause. Ian Lang's response to the industry debate came over no less powerfully for avoiding the "right wing" or "left wing". And William Hague proved there is life after being a 16-year-old sensation: at 34 he made a speech of such command that only a small effort of the imagination, or one big Cabinet post, is required to see him as leading from the Centre. Though the Prime Minister hates the term, it becomes possible to believe that there might be life in Majorism, even after Major.

Just before the Prime Minister spoke yesterday, a woman appealing for funds trilled: "Well, what a fantastic week we've had! Night after night of drama, fun and inspiration!" John Major's speech rescued that remark from the category of the completely absurd.

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Churches sing praises of God's chips

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

TRADITIONAL hymns such as *All things bright and beautiful* and *We plough the fields and scatter* have been ousted from a new book of songs for worship that thank God "for microchips, for oven chips, for computer chips."

Children will be offered songs that refer to God as a woman, rejoice in new technology and use choruses such as: "For ocean waves, for microwaves, for radio waves. We thank you Lord."

The anthology for hymns for the under-eights, *The Big Blue Planet and other songs for worship in God's world*, is being published next month by the Methodist Church. It is the fruit of representatives of all the main denominations, including the Roman Catholic and Anglican Churches.

Camels, stables and donkeys, the usual substance of children's Christmas carols, are scarcely mentioned. Instead, one song begins with: "Riding in a car on the motorway" and another is set to the tune of *What shall we do with the drunken sailor?*

Some, such as *God, you hold me like a mother*, show evidence of political correctness, referring to God in terms of the female sex.

Although some contain more traditional lyrics, such as *Jubilate Deo*, *Let us praise the Lord our God* and *The Lord is my shepherd*, others will lend weight to criticisms that contemporary hymns do not reflect the poetry of the English language. One carol contains the line: "Moo, moo, moo, said the old brown cow in the stable at Bethlehem."

Judy Jarvis, the book's editor, said that although lyrics thanking God for microchips and oven chips would amuse older generations raised on more traditional hymns, they will sit comfortably with today's primary school pupils.

The book was put together by a working party from the Council of Churches for Britain and Ireland, which was trying "to reflect the realities of children's lives today".

Mrs Jarvis said: "Children still enjoy singing traditional hymns and it is good for there to be a few that everyone can share. That ought to be part of children's experience. But it is important that we help them to have material they can identify with."

She said likening God to a mother in one hymn was an attempt "to recognise that the image of God as father is not always helpful, particularly for children who have not had a happy experience where their fathers are concerned".

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ANDRE CAMARA



Baroness's birthday

Baroness Thatcher celebrating her seventieth birthday at her London office yesterday with Sir Denis. The former Prime Minister made clear that she would carry on working. "Life comes one day at a time not one year at a time," Lady Thatcher said. "What would you do if you didn't work when you have been used to working all your life?" She said that she would be spending her birthday evening at a quiet family party with a few friends. Sir Denis said that his wife had received piles of presents.

Lady Thatcher said she had enjoyed listening to the speakers at this week's Conservative Party conference in Blackpool, particularly in the finance debate. "On television you cannot get the atmosphere. I thought it was most enthusiastic. The speakers from the floor in the financial debate were absolutely outstanding."

Major rallies Conservatives for 'the real fight'

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sion is over, as soon as is prudent, we must get taxes down again."

The Prime Minister also promised a big increase to £1,300 a year in the annual payment to holders of the George Cross and the Victoria Cross. It is presently £100.

Judges criticised the reforms put forward by Mr Howard on Thursday. Yesterday Mr Major said: "The most effective eyes are the policeman's eyes. I want to make every street safe. Since 1979 we have recruited an extra 16,000 policemen, 500 in the last year alone. That's helpful, but not enough. So within this year's public expenditure settlement we have found extra resources over the next three years to put not 500, but an extra 5,000 police officers on the beat."

Mr Major's address, delivered without an Autocue, was one of his most assured conference displays. Ministers said it showed a new authority and verve after his July leadership victory. He admitted his decision to resign and call a contest had been a risk, but a close friend said afterwards: "He is liberated; he is different."

The speech clearly left the Tory rank-and-file in much better heart than when they arrived at the conference. Although they still harbour many doubts about his ability to win the election, many said he and his Cabinet had given them a message, and policies, to campaign on.

Mr Major performed a skilful balancing act on Europe, confirming the Government's gradual Euro-sceptic shift but in measured language designed to reassure those concerened over the harsh anti-Brussels rhetoric of Michael Portillo earlier in the week. The Prime Minister said Britain had entered Europe for prosperity, for co-operation, for a louder voice in its affairs, "but we did not enter it for a new tier of government, we did not enter it for socialism through the back door and we did not enter it for a federal Europe".

But he was conciliatory. "I'm for Europe, not against it. We must ask our partners to understand our thinking and we must understand theirs."

Mr Major's speech was punctuated by prolonged applause. One of the longest bursts came when he said: "Beat Labour one more time and we have beaten socialism out of this country for good."

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Clinton acts over Ulster impasse

President Clinton is sending two top White House advisers to London tomorrow to try to engineer a breakthrough in the Northern Ireland peace process before his official visit late next month (Martin Fletcher writes).

Tony Lake, the President's National Security Adviser, and Nancy Soderberg, the senior aide who helped to craft Mr Clinton's support for Gerry Adams, will seek to break the impasse caused by Britain's refusal to begin all-party peace talks until the IRA starts decommissioning its weapons.

Drug expulsions

Six pupils were expelled from the independent Wisbech Grammar School in Cambridgeshire for possessing and supplying cannabis. Bob Repper, the headmaster, said five sixth-formers were found with the drug at a weekend study course in York and a sixth had supplied them.

Home service

Lord Home of the Hirsel, who died on Monday aged 92, will be buried today after a private service at St Mary and All Souls Church, Coldstream. There will be no address and 135 mourners are expected to attend. Memorial services are to be held in Edinburgh and London next month.

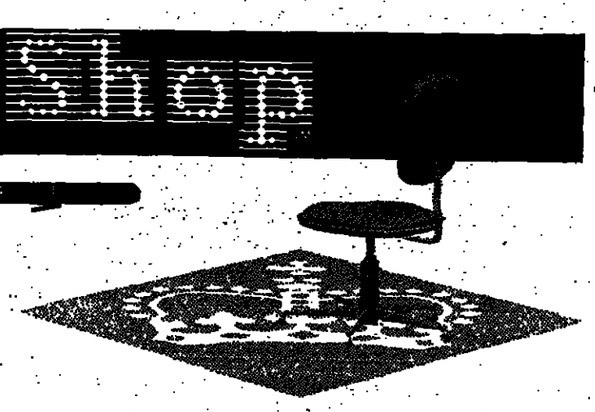
Cabbies win

Black-cab drivers in London won a legal challenge against a motorcycle passenger service called TaxiBike. The drivers' association told Wells Street Magistrates' Court that the firm had breached the terms of the 1968 Cab Act, which forbids the use of the word "taxi" by mini-cab firms.

Doctor jailed

A doctor who wrote hundreds of false prescriptions to satisfy his morphine addiction was jailed for 15 months yesterday at Snaresbrook Crown Court, London. German-born Dr Klaus Wagner, 37, of Stratford, east London, admitted obtaining drugs by deception and possessing drugs.

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Police break into house after tracing 999 call cut off before message was received

Husband missing after four in family murdered

BY EDWARD GORMAN

POLICE were searching for a Moroccan-born designer last night after his English wife, her parents and baby daughter were stabbed to death in their north London home.

The bodies of Sophia Aderdour, 32, her 16-month-old daughter Amina, and her parents Vivien, 57, and John Trant, 71, were discovered on Thursday afternoon at the Trants' elegant Victorian terrace home in Islington.

Police investigating the murders appealed yesterday for Brahim Aderdour, 37, the estranged husband of Sophia, to come foward. Ports and airports have been notified to look out for him. Detective Superintendent Derick Dale, leading the inquiry, said: "I am very anxious to speak to Mr Aderdour. I don't know of his whereabouts. It is surprising he hasn't come forward. I can't say he does or doesn't know about it."

The killings have shocked the fashionable neighbourhood where the family had lived for years. The Trants, who were both travel guides on London tourist buses, were very active in the church their house overlooks.

They and their daughter and granddaughter were killed after what a family friend said was a noisy row at the house in Dagmar Terrace, off Upper Street.

Police were alerted by a 999 call that was cut off before the caller could speak. After tracing the call, officers broke in to the four-storey house to find the four bodies in the front. They also found a knife, but could not say if it was the murder weapon.

Mr Dale said: "The baby was found between the grandmother and the mother. I don't know whether Mr Aderdour was involved or not. I don't want to prejudice any further proceedings or court cases that may involve him. We are looking at every possibility at this stage."



The Trant family home in Dagmar Terrace

He said Mr Aderdour, an unemployed designer, came to Britain in 1989 and married Mrs Aderdour the same year. The couple had been attempting to go through divorce proceedings. Mrs Aderdour, a midwife who worked at the special care baby unit at Guy's Hospital, had recently moved out of a flat she shared with her husband and had returned to live with her parents.

At the house yesterday a white plastic sheet hung across the window of the room where the bodies were found. Maria O'Leary, 22, and her boyfriend Leslie Prince, 33, were among several people who arrived with bunches of flowers. Mrs Aderdour had been their midwife when their premature baby was born 18 months ago.

Miss O'Leary said Mrs Aderdour was a kind, down-to-earth, gentle person who had also been a devoted mother to Amina. She had never lost touch with her after she had nursed their baby through the first five weeks of his life at the Whittington Hospital in north London.

"She was pregnant herself and she was looking after my little one," Miss O'Leary said. "Because I was having a premature baby I was really frightened, but she talked me through it and made me feel at ease. She made me feel a lot better. Once he was born, she was there all the time for me."

Mr Prince said he had known the family for years. But he said he never met Mr Aderdour and he did not know there were problems in their marriage, although he knew Mrs Aderdour had refused her husband's request to go to live in Morocco.

"If there were some problems, they were the kind of family that never discussed them in public."

Another woman who took flowers said she had been a schoolfriend of Mrs Aderdour at St Mary's Primary in Islington. She had heard about the deaths on the news.

"I can't believe this has happened," she said. "The whole family were just so nice. We went to primary school together and I used to go over to their house to play. Even when I grew up her mother always remembered me and would say hello."

A neighbour said she knew Mr and Mrs Trant and their daughter well but had never met Mr Aderdour. "I was only chatting to the grandmother who was out with the baby just the other day — she seemed fine," the woman said. "She was only wondering what language the baby was going to talk."



Sophia Aderdour, who was divorcing her husband



Amina Aderdour



Vivien Trant



John Trant

Ex-soldier jailed for Tesco food blackmail

BY A STAFF REPORTER

THE Tesco supermarket chain was forced to set up a promotional "club card" offer by a blackmailer who threatened to inject food with HIV-infected blood, a court was told yesterday.

Frank Riolfo, 50, a sales representative and former lance corporal in the Royal Army Medical Corps, was jailed for eight years by Northampton Crown Court after admitting the plot.

He first contaminated food at a Tesco store in Kettering, Northamptonshire, then demanded that Tesco set up a discount scheme based on a plastic card, which was to be encrypted with details of a bank account from which he could withdraw cash. He demanded a PIN, to be issued via coded entries in the personal columns of *The Times*.

Tesco launched the card in March. One of the first people to apply was Riolfo's wife, Valerie, 52, who used her real name and address, which later allowed police to trace her husband. He admitted blackmail. His wife denied the charges and the case against her was dismissed.

Tesco said last night that the fraudulent card issued to Riolfo was not the same as those now held by thousands of customers. He did not know at the time that the company was already planning to launch its Clubcard scheme. "It was pure coincidence," a spokesman said.

Gloucester case led to grim find in garden

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A MAN who strangled his wife with a piece of rope and buried her in their garden, where she lay for 16 years, was jailed for five years for manslaughter yesterday.

William Crowie, 57, subsequently married the family's teenage babysitter and they continued to live in the house he had shared with his wife.

Lincoln Crown Court was told that Crowie told his four children in June 1978 that their mother Jean, then 34, had walked out.

Peter Joyce, QC, for the prosecution, said police inquiries only began last year when a former neighbour, Denysa Edmonds, saw publicity about the discovery of bodies buried at the home of Frederick and Rosemary West in Gloucester. Mrs Edmonds remembered that Crowie, who was a keen gardener, had been digging in the garden of the family home in Coalville, Leicestershire, on the day his wife supposedly left him.

Police dug up the garden and the remains of Mrs Crowie, with the rope still round her neck, were found.

Crowie, a lorry-driver, denied murder and his plea of guilty to manslaughter on the ground of diminished responsibility was accepted.

He wept as Mr Justice Judge, sentencing him, said he had caused a great deal of suffering. His children had grown up "thinking their mother just left them".

Lodger shared by Wests 'feared wife's jealousy'

BY BILL FROST AND RICHARD DUCE

A FEMALE lover of both Rosemary and Frederick West went in fear of the couple in the days before she vanished from their home at 25 Cromwell Street, Gloucester, a jury was told yesterday.

Shirley Robinson, 18, whose remains were found in the garden of Cromwell Street, was anxious because Mrs West had "become jealous of her affair with her husband, by whom the teenager was eight months pregnant, Winchester Crown Court was told.

She had been sleeping in the Wests' bedroom but asked to move to the room of Elizabeth Brewer, another lodger. Mrs Brewer, who was 17 at the time, said yesterday: "She was becoming very emotional about Mr West, and she was frightened of the Wests. She wanted to keep away from them."

Mrs Brewer said that in about May 1978 she left Shirley in her room and when she returned it was locked and Shirley had gone. "Mr West said that she had left to visit relatives in Germany. The Wests seemed to be very happy. I was led to believe they were keeping in touch and she had had a baby, and the boy was called Barry. I was led to believe she was returning, and Mrs West said she was going to look after the baby to give Shirley a break."

Mrs Brewer admitted in cross-examination that she has been promised £10,000 by a newspaper for her story, and at one stage had begun writing a book.

The jury also heard from Mrs Brewer's cousin, Jane Bayle, who had visited Cromwell Street. "Mr West was a bit of a story teller. He was a bit crude," she said. "Mrs West made me feel unnerved at times because she stared a lot and dressed like a child."

Kathleen Ryan told how she had visited the Wests' home with her sister, who was seeking a bedsit: "There were lots of children and a blonde girl whom I knew as Shirley. She was very pregnant. Mr West said, 'This is my wife and this is my lover.' I just looked at my sister and thought, 'God, this is a bit weird.' "

Gillian Britt, a lodger at Cromwell Street, told the court that she had seen men, sometimes two or three at a time, entering a door at the house bearing the plaque "Rose's Room". Mrs Britt said she frequently heard noises from the room and would sometimes try to drown them out with a radio. "There was thumping, crashing about and wails which I would describe as being of a sexual nature." Richard Ferguson, QC, for the defence, said it was accepted that Mrs West had entertained men friends at the house.

Mrs West, 41, denies murdering nine girls and a young woman. The trial continues on Monday.

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Wife given 11 years for plot to kill PC

BY EMMA WILKINS

A WOMAN who plotted to murder her policeman husband to claim a £100,000 insurance payout was jailed for 11 years yesterday. Yvonne Jones, 38, was led sobbing to the cells at the Old Bailey as her accomplices were sentenced for the attack on PC Nigel Jones.

Graham Keats, 33, who was said to be Mrs Jones's lover, was jailed for 13 years after being convicted of attempted murder while Adrian Watts, 22, received a five-year sentence after admitting grievous bodily harm. Watts, a security officer who was infatuated with Mrs Jones, was cleared of attempted murder.

Keats, from Dagenham, London, and Watts, from Elm Park, Essex, lured PC Jones to an alleyway in Hornchurch where they attacked him with a hammer and knife. PC Jones suffered a fractured skull from ten hammer blows, a 12in knife wound to his neck, and cuts to his wrists and face. He told the court: "All I could think of was my little girl, she was flashing before my eyes." He was found after residents alarmed by the noise called police.

Mrs Jones, also from Elm Park, hatched the plot when her husband, a 33-year-old constable with the Metropolitan Police, said he had decided to cancel his life policy. The couple, who were married in 1986 and have an eight-year-old daughter, Billie-Jo, were considering divorce at the time in December last year.

Mrs Jones tried to blame Keats and Watts for the plot and took other lovers while they were awaiting trial. Mrs Jones, who denied attempted murder, was also convicted of attempting to pervert the course of justice by trying to procure an alibi.

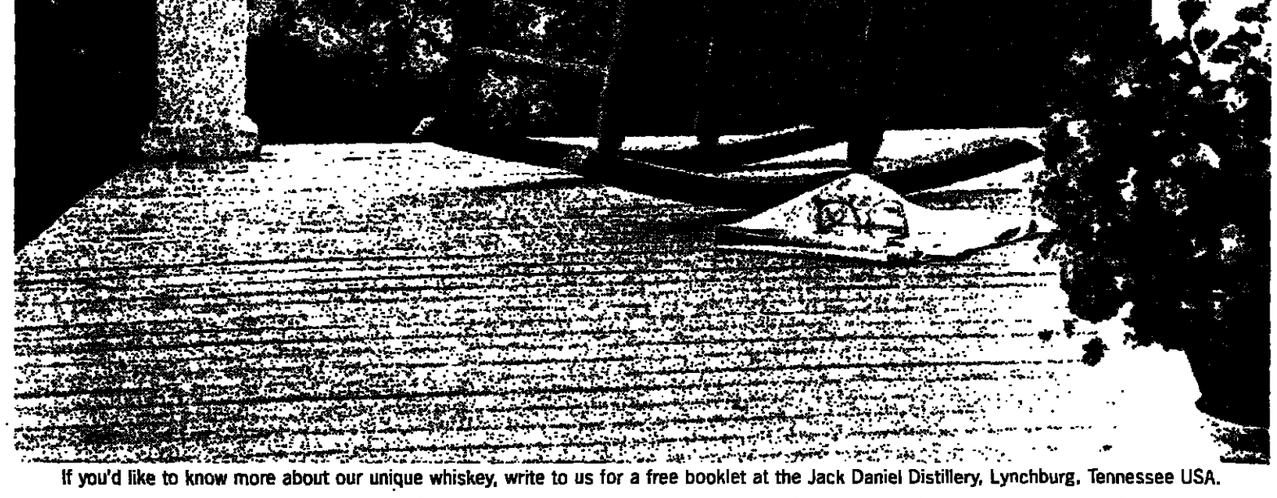
Sir Lawrence Verney, the Recorder of London, told Keats that he had inflicted ghastly injuries on PC Jones. "That you only faced an attempted murder — and not a murder charge — is extraordinarily fortunate and was not due to any act of yours." Nadine Radford, representing Keats, said he had believed he was going to spend the rest of his life with Mrs Jones. The couple had taken out a joint tenancy on a property where intimate photographs of them were found after the attack, the court was told.



Yvonne Jones: took lovers



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Broker who stole shares from charity is jailed

A STOCKBROKER who stole shares worth more than £3 million from the British Heart Foundation after fleecing his father of his life savings, was jailed for six years yesterday. Jeremy Gray, 27, claimed he had been forced to commit the crimes because of death threats from drug-runners, the IRA and the Mafia. Snaresbrook Crown Court in east London was told that the story was a smokescreen.

Nigel Seed, for the prosecution, said Gray had stolen £55,000 stock belonging to his father before turning to the charity.

Passing sentence, Mr Recorder Sam Katkhuda told the stockbroker he had used his position with the City firm of Panmure Gordon to breach the trust placed in him. Gray was convicted of theft, false accounting, producing a false accounting document and handling stolen goods. He was cleared of making a false statement to procure a passport.

The trial was told that Gray, of Clapham, south London, had relieved his father of his investments and transferred the proceeds to Luxembourg. The charity had holdings worth over £100 million with Panmure Gordon.

Gray was the only one of those involved to have been caught. "They all seem to have been part of a homosexual group based in Amsterdam," Mr Seed said.

'Soft' teenagers, deterred by Army's tough image, blamed for troop deficit

MoD may mobilise Gurkhas to ease infantry shortage

By Michael Horsnell

THE Gurkhas may be asked to make up a shortfall in the Army caused by "soft" school-leavers declining the call to arms of recruitment officers.

The Army Board is considering using companies of the renowned Nepalese fighters to boost understrength infantry battalions, although the Gurkhas are among the hardest-hit victims of defence cuts.

Two thirds of the last significant body of foreign troops in the British forces are due to be made redundant under the Options for Change policy. It is not clear whether their decline, from 7,500 in 1991 to 4,000 today and a planned 2,500 by the turn of the century, could be reversed by the new idea.

The infantry, which accounts for 26 per cent of the Army, should have a trained strength of 24,000 but is 1,200 troops short, including 250 in The Parachute Regiment. Units of Gurkhas are already trained in parachute operations and form part of 5 Airborne Brigade.

There is concern in the Army that the Paras' reputation for toughness has hampered recruitment. An army source said: "Kids today are too soft. Recruiters have noticed that school-leavers are less robust than their predecessors of 30 years ago and that comes down to any number of factors. There is less rigorous PT in the schools, junk food and computer games.

"The Army is aware that it has to get the message through that you can have a worthwhile, fulfilling career in the Army and pick up a trade for when you leave. Other corps are recruited very well: in the Royal Engineers and the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers you would have to go on a waiting list. You can pick up trades within those branches. Perhaps you can't in the infantry."

Under the proposal to call up the Gurkhas, a company of about 130 would be added to an understrength battalion to make a full fighting unit of 600 men. The Ministry of Defence said: "It is only an idea at the moment, but people think it is a good idea.

"There is no reason why a company of Gurkhas could not support a battalion. We have a flexible Army these days. The shortfall in the infantry has nothing to do with cuts under Options for Change. We still need intelligent school-leavers to join the Army and have young blood coming up through the system."

Lieutenant-Colonel Peter Pearson, commanding officer of the 3rd Battalion The Royal Gurkha Rifles, was "delighted" with the proposal. He said his troops had reacted with dignity to the army cuts: "They are very sad but they are very stoic and very loyal."

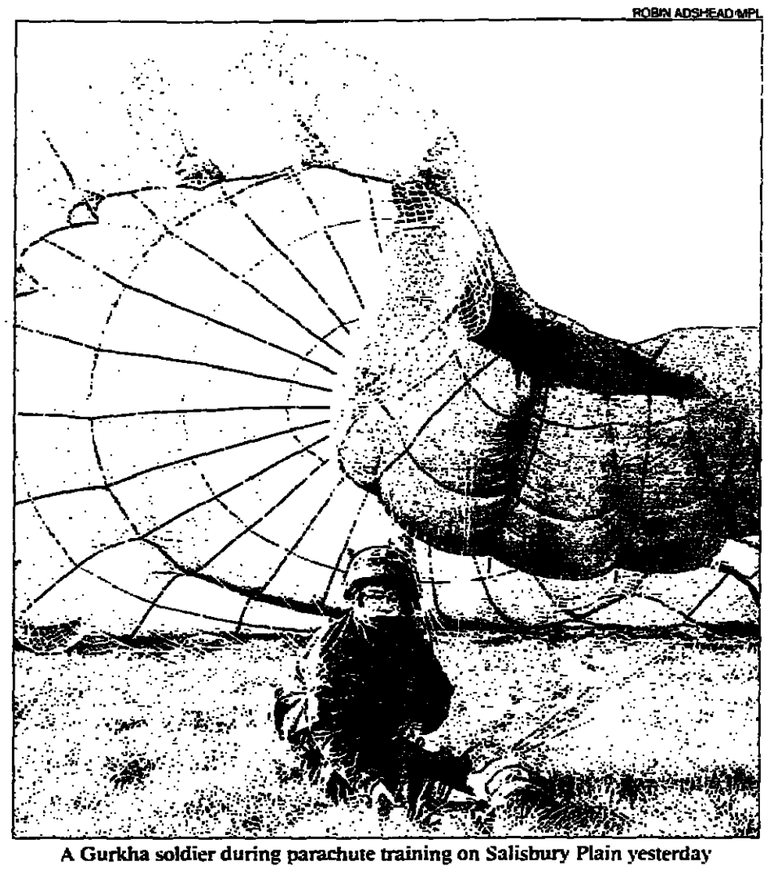
There is concern among Gurkhas, however, that they would not be able to wear their regimental cap badges and carry their kukri knives if moved to other regiments. Lt-Col Pearson said the Gurkhas "undoubtedly" were fitter than normal British recruits. "They come from an environment where they may have to walk an hour to school and an hour back."

The prospect of Gurkhas being used to make up for the shortfall was condemned by David Clark, Shadow Defence Secretary. "The Government's gross mismanagement of our Armed Forces has resulted in an unprecedented state of low morale. We are in a position where we cannot even maintain the number required for our international commitments," he said.

☐ The Army hopes to persuade soldiers to stay in the forces for an extra year by offering a £1,400 bonus. They will be offered the money to stay on after the minimum three years, keeping their expertise in the Army. "We hope to retain a further 400 men in this way," an army spokesman said.

"We must get the lower rank structures right now because in years to come we will not have the right experience up the ranks."

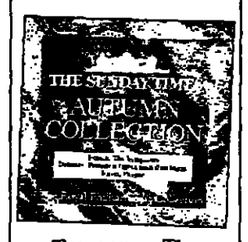
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A Gurkha soldier during parachute training on Salisbury Plain yesterday

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Sergeant Ian McKay died in 1982, Graham, centre, in 1989 and Neal this week

Falkland hero's parents mourn loss of third son

By Paul Wilkinson

THE parents of Sergeant Ian McKay, who was awarded a posthumous VC for his heroism in the Falklands War, are preparing for the funeral next week of their third son. Ken McKay said yesterday: "I have lost three fine sons and the pain never gets any easier."

Ian, their eldest boy, died at 29 as he and fellow soldiers from The Parachute Regiment stormed an Argentinian bunker in the prelude to the final assault on Port Stanley. Seven years later, in 1989, their youngest son, Neal, 32, died from cystic fibrosis and this week the disease claimed their middle son, Graham, 39. Both brothers had suffered from the condition since childhood.

Mr McKay, 66, is divorced from Freda, 66, the boys' mother, but both were together at Graham's bedside when he died at Papworth Hospital, near Cambridge, on Monday. They have no other children.

Mr McKay, from Rotherham, South Yorkshire, said: "In the end it was a blessing, he was in such a bad way. I don't know how a father comes to terms with the death of three sons — I don't think I ever will. The only thing I can do is get on with my life, but there isn't a day goes by that I don't think of them.

"The only thing that is some consolation is that doctors told us Neal and Graham would not live to school age because of their illness. They made nonsense of that and had full lives, but they were always living on borrowed time. We knew this was always likely to happen, but it doesn't make it any easier to accept."

Sergeant Ian McKay died on Mount Longdon, overlooking Port Stanley, on June 12, 1982, winning one of only two VCs awarded during the war. He led an assault on a machinegun post that was pinning down fellow paratroopers on the ridgetop.

Despite seeing his men either killed or wounded, he pressed home the attack, using grenades to clear the position. He was fatally wounded by one of the last shots fired at him and collapsed on the bunker he had just silenced. He was buried in the Falkland Islands, but five months after the war ended he was re-interred at a cemetery near The Parachute Regiment's base at Aldershot, Hampshire.

Neal McKay, a magistrates' court clerk, died in June 1989 after an unsuccesful heart and lung transplant. Graham, who was divorced with two children, also had a heart and lung transplant and was able to return to his job as a steelworker after the operation three years ago.

However, his health deteriorated over the past year and he was forced to give up work. He was admitted after a routine check-up last week.

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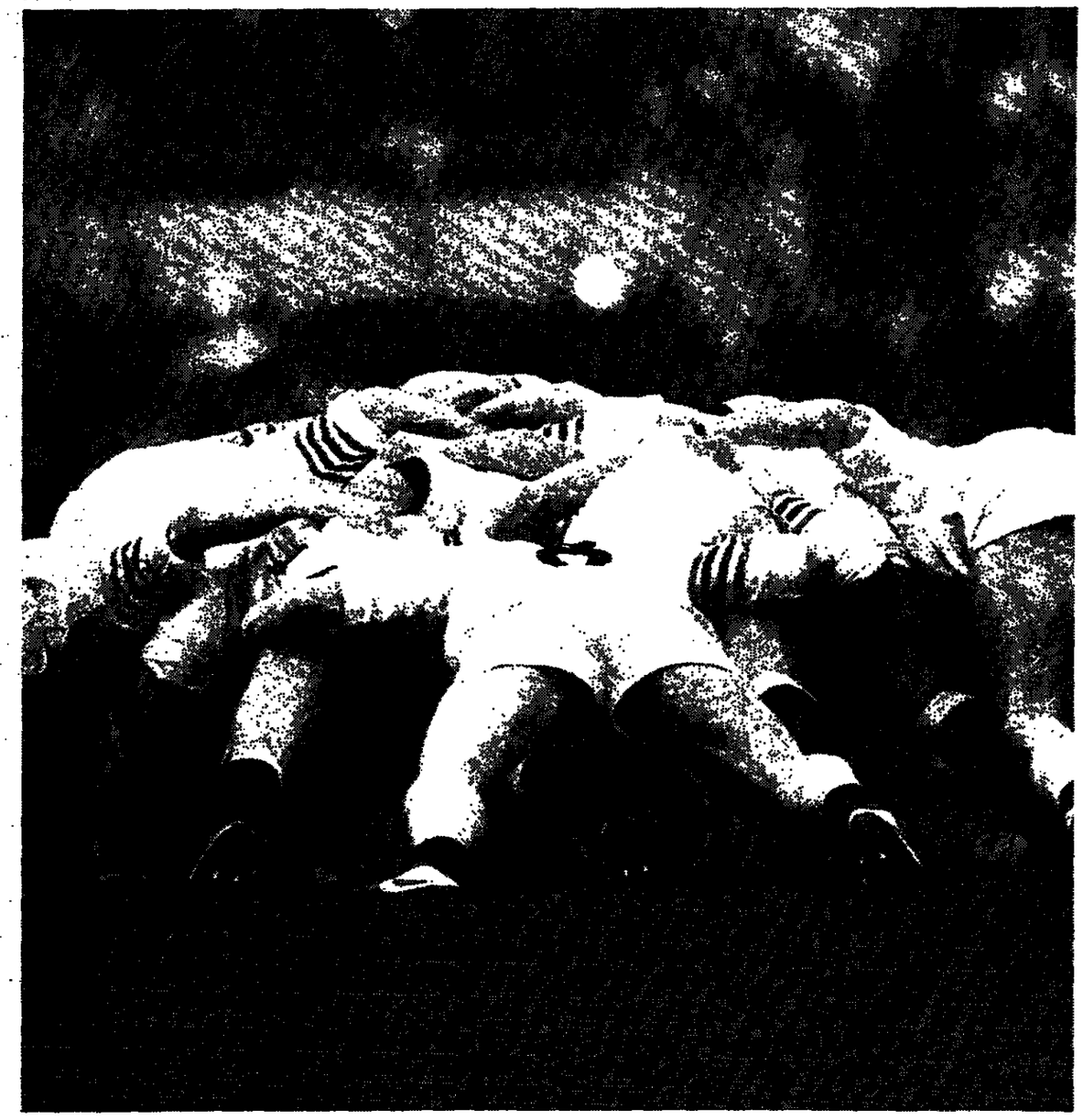
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Name dispute costs charity £500,000

Diabetes fund fears ruling will be fatal

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

A CHARITY founded five years ago to help diabetics and to find a cure for the illness faces collapse after losing a High Court battle against a rival organisation. The Diabetic Society was yesterday ordered to pay costs estimated at over £500,000.

The dispute with the British Diabetic Association, which will drain the society's funds, was described as "most regrettable" by Mr Justice Walker in the High Court. He ordered the Diabetic Society to change its name because it was "deceptively similar" to the association, which was co-founded 61 years ago by the diabetic novelist H.G. Wells.

The society, which also runs the Diabetes Foundation to help to find a cure, must pay three quarters of the estimated £750,000 costs of the two-week hearing brought by the association, which accused the society of passing itself off as being the same as or connected with the association. At issue was its annual income of £9 million in collections, gifts and bequests, which it feared could be erroneously left by benefactors to the society.

Arthur Bennett and his wife Gillian Atkin, diabetics and co-founders of the society, said of the judgment: "We now face bankruptcy and both our foundation and society will disappear because there is nobody else to run them."

The judge said it was up to the association to decide whether it would seek to enforce "to the utmost" the order for costs, even though the couple had been "a thorn in the flesh" of the BDA for many years. Mr Bennett, a former member of the association's executive council, and his wife disagreed with the way it was being run and were expelled in 1982.

The judge expressed his "profound regret" at the failure of all attempts to settle the dispute. He said: "Even for a lawyer, it is a difficult mental feat to recognise this very expensive litigation as helping the diabetics whose subscriptions and gifts will be the ultimate source for payment of the lawyers' bills."

There was no evidence that the Bennetts, who run their charities from their home in Thornton Heath, south London, were motivated by private gain. The judge said it was a pity that the couple had not chosen to carry on all their charitable work under the word foundation, to which the BDA did not object. The use of the word society, in view of the association's size and age, amounted to deception.

The association later welcomed the court decision as a "victory for people living with diabetes", although it regretted having to pay a quarter of the costs. Michael Cooper, director-general, said: "It would be far better if the Charity Commission could run some kind of arbitration scheme with its own lawyers."

Turtle fossil sheds light on island's hot climate

BY NIGEL HAWKES
SCIENCE EDITOR

A TURTLE fossil found on the Isle of Wight has cast new light on the area's subtropical climate more than 40 million years ago. The discovery of the turtle, which belongs to the trionychid family, confirms that the climate was similar to that in southern Spain today.

Steve Hutt, curator of the island's geology museum at Sandown, said that the turtle, 18in across, had been found a few weeks ago on a beach near Cowes. "This is an excellent find and, as we clean the mud from it, we hope to learn more about the creature and the habitat in which it lived," he said.

The turtle was found by Andy Yule, a fossil hunter from Cowes, and is virtually complete, although slightly compressed.

☐ A second tooth from the oldest human fossil in Britain has been found at Boxgrove in West Sussex. The tooth belonged to an ancestor of man who lived in the area 500,000 years ago.

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Steve Hutt with the turtle fossil, more than 40 million years old, found on a beach

70m losses raise fear of oyster infection

The death of millions of Irish oysters has aroused concern that British oyster farms could be contaminated by imports. Irish officials blamed the loss of 70 million "seed" oysters on the exceptionally hot summer and high sea temperatures. But British oyster farmers, who suffered no such losses, suspect an infection may be the cause.

David Jarrad, managing director of River Exe Shellfish Farms at Kenton, Devon, said: "The worry is that the Ministry of Agriculture is legally powerless to stop our farmers importing oysters unless a specific infection can be identified."

Poison retrial

Victoria Calder, a British-born biologist accused of attempting to murder her lover with poison, will face a fresh trial after a jury in Christchurch, New Zealand, failed to reach a verdict. Professor David Lloyd, 58, collapsed in a coma in December 1992 and is now blind and partially paralysed. Miss Calder, 46, denies poisoning him with acrylamide monomer after he left her for a Canadian woman.

Fishing fine

The captain of a Spanish boat was fined £8,000 for fishing illegally in British waters. Constantino Busto de la Fuente, 52, was sighted 160 miles off Land's End by a plane from the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

Vision

The extended first episode of *Cracker*, previewed in *Vision* today and scheduled on ITV at 9pm on Monday, is replaced by the final episode of the last series, so *News at Ten* is transmitted at its customary time, and not at 10.15.

Weekend

The Sadler's Wells Theatre performances (see Dance, page 2 of today's Weekend section) should read: Tues-Sat 7.30 pm; Sat 2i., matinee 2.30 pm; then touring.

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Skye bridge opens with 8ft cracks in concrete

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH
SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

THE builders of the Skye Bridge, which officially opens on Monday, have admitted that cracks are appearing in the concrete structure but deny there is a risk to safety.

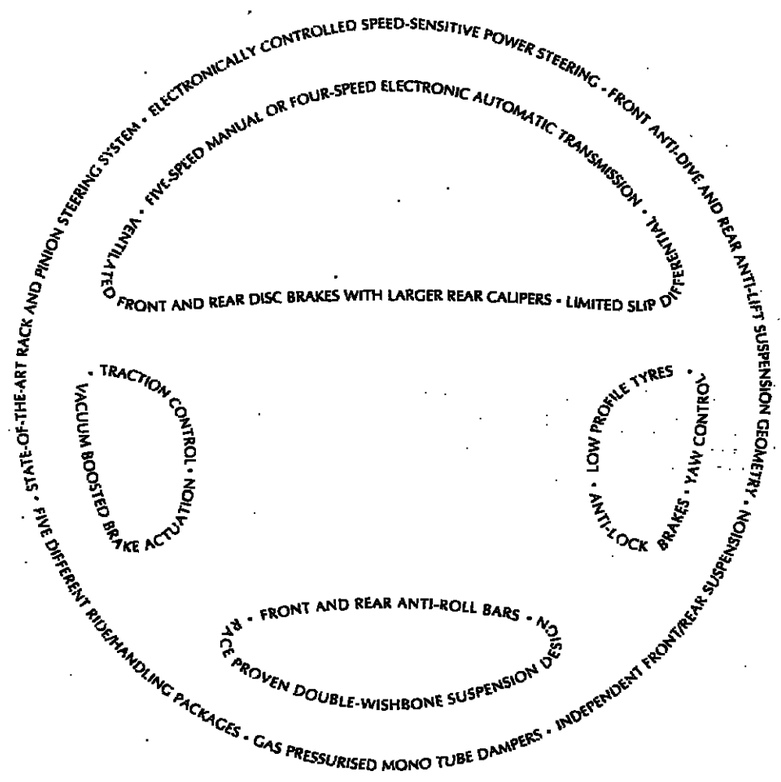
A spokesman for Miller-Dywidag, the Anglo-German consortium building the bridge, said the cracks, which are up to 8ft long, are not unusual and are caused by natural shrinkage in the concrete. They are being sealed to stop sea water entering.

A spokesman for the structural engineering firm JMP, which has monitored the bridge building, said: "We are absolutely confident of the bridge's structural integrity, durability and public safety."

The £25 million bridge has met with strong opposition from many of the 9,000 islanders who will have to pay the highest tolls in Europe to cross it. Others are angry that the Government has banned Caledonian MacBrayne from operating its ferry after the bridge opens.

Skye and Lochalsh District Council is boycotting Monday's opening ceremony as is Charles Kennedy, the Liberal Democrat MP for Ross, Cromarty and Skye.

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Encircled widow repels pit village bulldozers

BY PAUL WILKINSON

A WIDOW'S refusal to leave her home in a decaying terrace has forced developers to rethink their demolition plans and to build a housing estate around it.

Kathleen Harbottle, 71, resisted all entreaties to leave the Victorian miner's cottage to make way for retirement homes. Bradford and Northern Housing Association has now decided to build around Mrs Harbottle's house in Easington, Co Durham, where she has lived since 1957. It will be left propped up by the shell of a neighbouring house for structural reasons.

Mrs Harbottle, a miner's widow and mother of six, said: "There is no way I will move out. I don't care if my house is the only one left. It is still my house and will still be the same to me."

Mrs Harbottle, who lives with her sons Stewart, 37, and Paul, 41, said: "This used to be a lovely street. Years ago you could go out and leave the door open and no one would ever dream of stealing anything. Times obviously change. I don't mind change, but there have to be limits.

"They offered me only £9,500 for my home. How am I meant to find another three-bedroomed house for that kind of money?"

Joan Walmsley, of the housing association, said: "We think £9,500 was a fair price for her house. That is all it was valued at by an independent assessor.

"The rest of the street has been flattened. Because it is on a slope we have had to leave the house next door, too, but it is bricked up.

"The residents were all happy to relocate a few streets away, so the community has not been destroyed in any way. These people voted for the street to be pulled down and Mrs Harbottle is the only person who will remain."

Earlier this week the association allowed former residents to pull down the wall of the last house to be demolished. Mrs Harbottle was not impressed: "There was no way I was going to take part in the destruction of my old street. If more people had taken pride in their homes we probably wouldn't be in this situation. I am not trying to rubbish the younger generation but a lot of them don't even know what a brush is."



Kathleen Harbottle and Kim, her Airedale, in the home that will soon be surrounded

Sluggish demand hinders market for country houses

BY RACHEL KELLY
PROPERTY CORRESPONDENT

THE market for English country houses, which picked up during the past two years, is now back in line with property generally. Prices are stagnant and 15 per cent off their peak in June 1989.

In some areas, prices have shown small falls or rises, but in percentage terms these are insignificant. Latest figures from the estate agent Savills show prices for the average five-bedroom house with between one and five acres down by £20,000 in Cambridgeshire, where average prices have fallen from £350,000 to £330,000. In Berkshire, the firm reports prices down from £525,000 for the average country house to £500,000.

Prices are more buoyant in the Midlands, where Leicestershire, Lincolnshire and Warwickshire show rises of about £30,000. Ian Stewart director of Savills, emphasised the need for "realistic initial guide prices".

All agents complain about the low number of sales and the general sluggishness of much of the market except for correctly priced, exceptional property. One agent, James Laing of Strutt & Parker, talks of the "widespread insecurity about both buying and selling".

Strutt & Parker, in a separate survey, found prices down by £70,000 in Essex, where the price of the average five-bedroom house is now £300,000; down by £50,000 in Suffolk, where such a house costs £350,000, and in Norfolk, where prices are down £20,000 to £220,000. The market was more buoyant in Berkshire, Scotland and Yorkshire. Strutt & Parker found, with a very strong market in Sussex.

John D. Wood reports a busy market in Hampshire and is more optimistic than other agents about prospects in the rest of the Home Counties. Agents say some sellers have an over-optimistic view of the market, which means that properties were put on the market in the spring at prices that were too high. Price cuts have followed this autumn.

Patrick Ramsay from Knight Frank & Rutley says: "There is an oversupply of agents, many backed by large institutions, who are short of instructions and will chase any house, at almost any price. Excess competition between agents, especially in the spring when stocks are at the lowest, leads to overpricing to secure business. Agents then spend the summer and autumn reducing prices in order to sell."

Patrick Bailey, a partner from Strutt & Parker's Newbury office, cites the example of Denford Mill House, Hungerford, Berkshire, reduced in price this summer by £90,000 to £585,000.

"This proved to be the turning point. A large number of viewings are currently under way."

Norfolk is probably the best place in the country to buy, Nigel Steele of Strutt & Parker's Norwich office says prices are currently at the same levels as nine years ago.

The stories of Hilton House, in Hilton, Blandford, Dorset and Codicote Mill, near Hitchin in Hertfordshire, illustrate the current market. Both properties were sold by Savills.

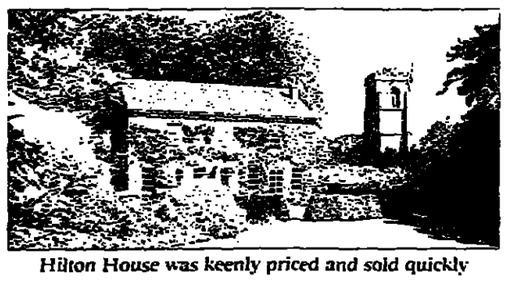
Hilton's sale was agreed two weeks after it came on the market, with six competing offers over the guide price of £460,000. It sold quickly and well because it was correctly priced and a gem of a house.

Codicote was overpriced when first put on the market in the spring and was sold when its price was reduced from £850,000 to £750,000 this summer.

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Codicote Mill had to be cut from £850,000 to £750,000



Hilton House was keenly priced and sold quickly

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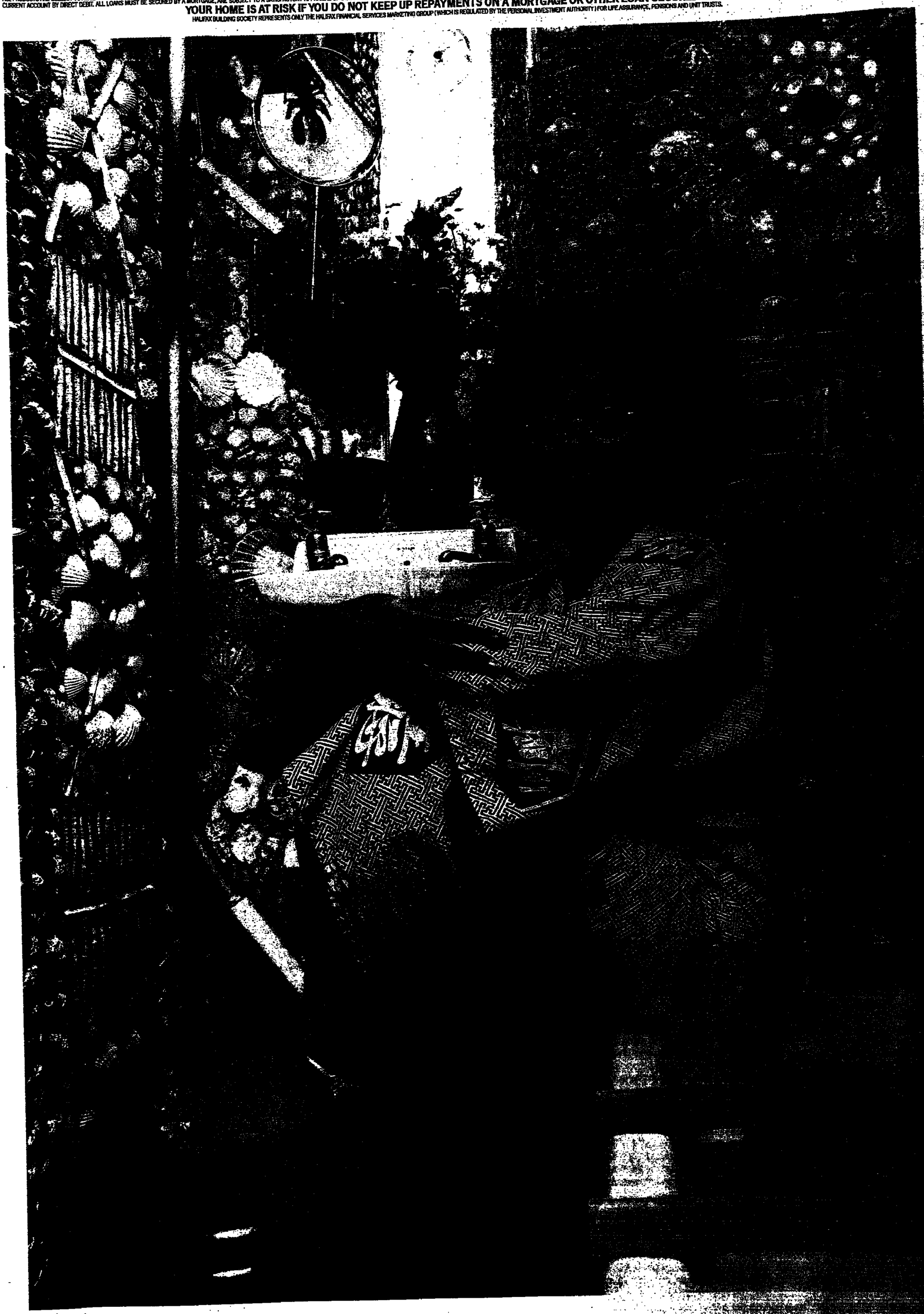
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Sir Alec: retiring while still in office, unusually

Glasgow alumni to nominate chancellor

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH
SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

THOUSANDS of former students of Glasgow University are being invited to join the search for a new chancellor because of the retirement of Sir Alexander Cairncross.

The distinguished economist is the first chancellor to resign in over 300 years, previous incumbents having died in office. He will leave on February 1, ten days before his 85th birthday.

The university, founded in 1451, starts the search for a new chancellor today by asking all 65,000 members of the General Council, which includes all graduates, to nominate a successor to the honorary position.

In the 544 years since the university was founded there have been 39 chancellors, one of whom, the Archbishop of Glasgow from 1684 to 1687, shared Sir Alec's name.

The first chancellor was the founder, Bishop William Turnbull, and for the next two centuries the chancellors were Bishops (later Archbishops) of Glasgow. The first lay chancellor, the Marquis of Hamilton, was executed in 1649 for his part in the Civil War. There was no chancellor until 1658 when Cromwell's secretary, John Thurloe, took office.

From 1858 the office was reformed and the chancellor elected by members of the General Council.

Michael Moss, archivist at the university, said of Sir Alec: "He has become a kenspeckle figure about Gilmorehill with his ubiquitous cloth cap and unassuming manner — a friend and counsellor to all he encountered. Full of new ideas and information when most of his age have taken to gardening, he will be much missed."

Shakespearean star shuns Hollywood life

BY DALYA ALBERGE
ARTS CORRESPONDENT

AMERICAN film studios are wooing the latest star in the firmament of the Royal Shakespeare Company, but Iain Glen is turning his back on the well-trodden path to Hollywood.

The 33-year-old actor, whose performance as Henry V at the Barbican has attracted superlative reviews from the critics, says he will not follow Richard Burton, Peter O'Toole, Kenneth Branagh, Ralph Fiennes and many other British talents who have reaped the riches of Hollywood.

Glen has had a string of successes since leaving Rada in 1986. His Macbeth in 1993, at Scotland's Mayfest, was described as the best since Sir Ian McKellen a decade earlier. Of his Henry V, one critic wrote: "Though few more handsome actors can ever have played the role, there is no self-admiration about him. He is constantly engaged in the progress of Henry's thought; seldom in Shakespearean acting do we find thought and word so spontaneously connected."

Another said: "Iain Glen wrote himself into the theatrical history books with the most stunning Stratford debut since Kenneth Branagh burst upon the RST stage. Here is an actor who uses his voice not just for effect but as a funnel for communication so clear that every flicker of thought and emotion is transmitted with effortless clarity."

Despite the accolades, Glen is plagued by self-doubt. "I have lots of fears about inadequacy and the inability to do a part," he says. There is no false modesty here. The man who can pack the Barbican's 1,162-seat theatre is genuinely reluctant to embrace any film deal that points to international stardom. Even a tempting offer closer to home from a French director who had seen his Henry V left him with "a feeling of dread".

The actor, whose physique can be distracting for female members of his audience, wants to keep his quiet lifestyle in a London suburb, his friends and the ability to make endless visits to the theatre.

He and his wife, Susannah Harker, who is starring in the BBC costume drama *Pride and Prejudice*, have also just had a baby.



Iain Glen, whose performance as Henry V, below, is transfixing audiences at the Barbican



Glen refused offers from the Royal Shakespeare Company for two years, concentrating instead on regional repertory theatre. He says: "It is such a large commitment. They ask for two years of your life. You just need to be sure that you are not tearing yourself up domestically."

His work includes David Hare's *Paris by Night*, with Charlotte Rampling, and Tom Stoppard's *Hapgood*, with Nigel Hawthorne and Felicity Kendal. In 1991 he was voted Best Actor in the Evening Standard British Film Awards.

Surprisingly, he never considered an acting career. "I just fell upon it," he said. He had happened to get involved with the drama society at Aberdeen University. He recalled that he was not even terribly good at English at his school, the Edinburgh Academy; computer programming was mentioned as a possibility.

After appearing at the Edinburgh Festival, he auditioned for Rada. It was his speech from Henry V that won him a place. By the time the RSC run finishes next month he will have performed the part 140 times, drinking three pints of water during every performance of the 3½-hour play to prevent dehydration.

At the end of a startlingly successful debut he will be exhausted — and in no mood to contemplate the ever increasing offers from movie makers who will swear that every man has his price.

Denial of freedom leads to violence and grief

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On the cusp of a new millennium, we see the human spirit under siege as never before. Across the world, the voices of millions are crying out in desperation for relief and guidance. Many of our fellow human beings still live in abject poverty and total degradation. The New World Order, with its promise of peace through collective security, has come upon a baptism of fire. And still it would appear that no common frame of reference, no new consensus, no global ethic has emerged to assure the peoples of the world that they can lead peaceful, serene, and decent lives.

In the midst of this confusion, it was heartening to hear the clarity of Pope John Paul II's address to the United Nations. The Pope called for a complete reappraisal of the current conditions in the world. It is a tribute to His Holiness that this call will ring powerfully in all quarters of the globe.

For we must learn the lessons of the 20th century, no matter how hard, and apply them without fear or favour. We must revise our definitions of familiar concepts, and adopt fresh practices in all fields of human endeavour. These must provide a truly substantial ethic for a new era, directly related to the needs and wishes of the peoples of the world.

It is the fundamental split between 'me' and 'you,' between 'us' and 'them' which is at the root of all opposition, all polarities and all conflicts. It is the denial of the shared humanity of the other and the rights that flow from it which lead to the nightmare of violence and terror.

The salvation of contemporary society will lie in recognition and respect for every culture, irrespective of difference and variation. Each human culture strives to answer the fundamental questions of human existence and each must merit recognition and respect as such. From our perspective in the Middle East, where an historic accommodation of differences is slowly taking place, there is no point more crucial than this. For after decades of conflict, Arabs and Jews are finally beginning to recognise each others' hopes, fears and beliefs.

Islam has been portrayed by some as a fanatical and intolerant creed that utterly rejects the other. But faith in Islam is a matter of conscience, and conscience cannot be compelled. The Holy Koran is most emphatic on freedom of belief: "There shall be no compulsion in religion." (2: 256). It also proclaims: "Harken you who disbelieve; I do not worship what you worship, nor do you worship what I worship." The chapter ends with a categorical statement: "You have your religion, and I have mine." (109: 2-7).

Historically, Islam's ability to accommodate diversity was the fountainhead of its success. Islamic culture at its height encompassed a dazzling fusion of traditions, which would not have been possible without respect and tolerance for that which was different, and that which was other. In our efforts to achieve peace in the Middle East, we are following these principles, which remain compelling even when they are ignored, within the Muslim world and beyond.

Freedom and justice cannot simply be defined by the absence of tyranny and oppression. Freedom, in the words of the Pope, is a measure of humanity's dignity and greatness; while modern totalitarianism is an assault on our dignity, denying us the most elementary and inalienable rights. It is a challenge to the individual's spiritual growth and the moral vitality of nations.

I therefore welcome the Pope's call for a human ethic of solidarity. For only such an ethic can build a bridge across the gap between 'us' and 'them' and make us realise that we are all 'us.'

Only such an ethic can provide a viable basis for the next millennium of human history. I applaud His Holiness for this initiative, and wholeheartedly endorse it.

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Major rallies 'battle-scarred' Tories with call to prepare for the political fight of their lives

'This time, we'll beat socialism for good'

BY NICHOLAS WOOD AND ALICE THOMSON

THE next election will be a "watershed" in British politics *because the winner will inher*it the strongest economy for decades, John Major told the Tory party yesterday.

The Conservatives had built *that economy* and he was in no mood to hand it over for any other party to wreck. "We are going to mount the fight of our lives and when the time comes we are going to deliver the win of our lives," he said.

He told the party conference that he had resigned the leadership in June because speculation was drowning out everything the Government was trying to do. "It had to end whatever the risk. I might have lost. If I had I would still have been at this conference, still offering my support to the party, but I won.

"Today we meet united, healed, renewed and thirsting for the real fight with Labour . . . I think Labour has been re-reading *1984* — the book that introduced doublethink.

"You remember doublethink is the trick of holding two contradictory beliefs at the same time and believing both of them. It was the brainchild of another public school educated socialist. His name was George Orwell. But actually it wasn't, that was his pen name. His real name was Eric. His surname was Blair. Eric Blair — he changed his name. I can't say the same thing about the leader of the Opposition. He has changed everything else. His politics, his principles, his philosophy . . ."

Mr Major spoke of the "millennium challenge" of greater competition from rival economies, rapid technological change and new welfare problems. Labour believed in "cradle-to-grave socialism." But the State could not do everything. "Beat Labour one more time, you have beaten socialism for good."

The Tories stood for "the individual not the State, choice not direction, ownership not dependence, liberty not control". Under Labour taxes and inflation would be higher. There would be less choice and our defences and constitution would be less secure. The Tories would offer choice whenever they could, but they would not forget the poor and vulnerable.

"If there is one thing in our Tory tradition that has inspired me it is our historic recognition that not everyone is thrusting and confident and fit. Many are not and they deserve protection. With a Conservative government they will always be certain of getting that protection."

His economic goal was to make Britain "the unrivalled Enterprise Centre of Europe" fit to compete with America, Japan and the Pacific basin. "It means high spending and high taxes are no longer an option. The State spends too much of our national wealth. We must get that share below 40 per cent and keep it there.

"If the State spends too much, it taxes too much. In the recession we had to put taxes up to protect the vulnerable. Now the recession is over, as soon as prudent, we must get taxes down again."

Britain's prosperity depended on the continuation of the Tory Government. Big foreign firms had decided their future lay in Britain. "These companies didn't invest in a socialist Britain, they set up here because it is a Conservative Britain. And they will only be followed by others if we keep Britain Conservative."

The best route to more jobs was through encouraging more small businesses, the "heroes" of the economy. "We are the party of small business. When I was a small boy, my bread and butter was paid for by my father's small business. He made garden ornaments 40 years ago and some people have always found that very funny. I don't. I see the proud, stubborn, independent old man who ran that firm and taught me to love my country, fight for my own and spit in the eye of malign fate.

"I know the knockers and sneerers who may never have taken a risk in their comfortable lives aren't fit to wipe the boots of the risk-takers of Britain."

Mr Major would not sign the social chapter because it piled burdens on European business. "Don't misunderstand me. I am for Europe not against it. I intend to argue for policies that will help it succeed."

Britain had entered Europe for prosperity, co-operation and a louder voice on "that great continent". It had not joined for a new tier of government, socialism through the back door or a federal Europe. "It wouldn't work for us. Our partners must understand that it is politically and constitutionally unacceptable. That is what Labour would agree to and I profoundly believe they are wrong. If others go federalist, Conservative Britain will not."

Mr Major turned to education to illustrate his commitment to the One Nation tradition. He announced plans to expand the Assisted Places Scheme and restated his ambition to see all schools become self-governing. Labour's message was "no choice for the poor", but one of Tony Blair's distinguished predecessors at Fettes public school in Edinburgh had had a different vision. "Iain Macleod was a One Nation Tory and wouldn't he have been proud to see pupils of poor families at his old school — sent there by a One Nation Government?"

The Prime Minister condemned Labour's plans for a Scottish parliament and Welsh assembly. "I will not trade easy votes today for constitutional chaos tomorrow." The Scottish people faced a "tartan tax" of an extra £6 a week for the average family. The result would be more bureaucrats and politicians and the decline of Scottish prosperity as investment was frightened away.

"Conflict with the Westminster Parliament would be inevitable. And then the siren voices of the separatists will foment mischief and demand an independent Scotland cut adrift from the UK."

He promised more policemen out on the beat, more cameras in the shopping precincts and the recruitment of MI5 in the battle against organised crime and the "sheer evil of the drugs trade".

Mr Major concluded: "We are building the greatest success for this nation that we have known in our lifetime. We will not surrender it to a lightweight alternative. We carry the scars of battle, but they are honourable scars. We know no other party can win the battles for Britain that lie ahead."



JULIAN HERBERT

John Major after his speech yesterday. His audience followed a three-minute ovation with Land of Hope and Glory.

Towering successes and their disappointed peers

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

BLACKPOOL'S raucous claim of "everyone's a winner" should be treated with caution by holidaymakers and total disdain by visiting politicians. Even a meticulously planned seaside outing such as a Tory conference cannot guarantee prizes for all.

Winners

Michael Howard and **Gillian Shephard** vied as the main platform successes, invigorating rank-and-file Tories with plans to toughen court sentencing and make school pupils speak articulately.

Michael Heseltine and **Brian Mawhinney**, seen as rivals for the role of inspiring the party in the run-up to the election, shared similar portions of conference adulation.

William Hague, who once won the Tory hearts as a teenage conference speaker, returned to further acclaim as the youngest Cabinet minister, winning a rousing ovation for his appeal to the young.

Baroness Thatcher, who was delighted to spend her 70th birthday yesterday with her loved ones, all 4,000 of them.

Michael Portillo became a one-day winner when he attracted wild applause for his heavily Euro-sceptical speech.

Gail Lilley, wife of the Social Security Secretary, accorded the unoffical and coveted title of most elegant lady on the platform.

John Major came through his first conference since re-election as leader trouble-free and finished with a widely acclaimed speech.

Losers

Virginia Bottomley, whose maiden speech as National Heritage Secretary went down about as well as a National Lottery win — a £10 one.

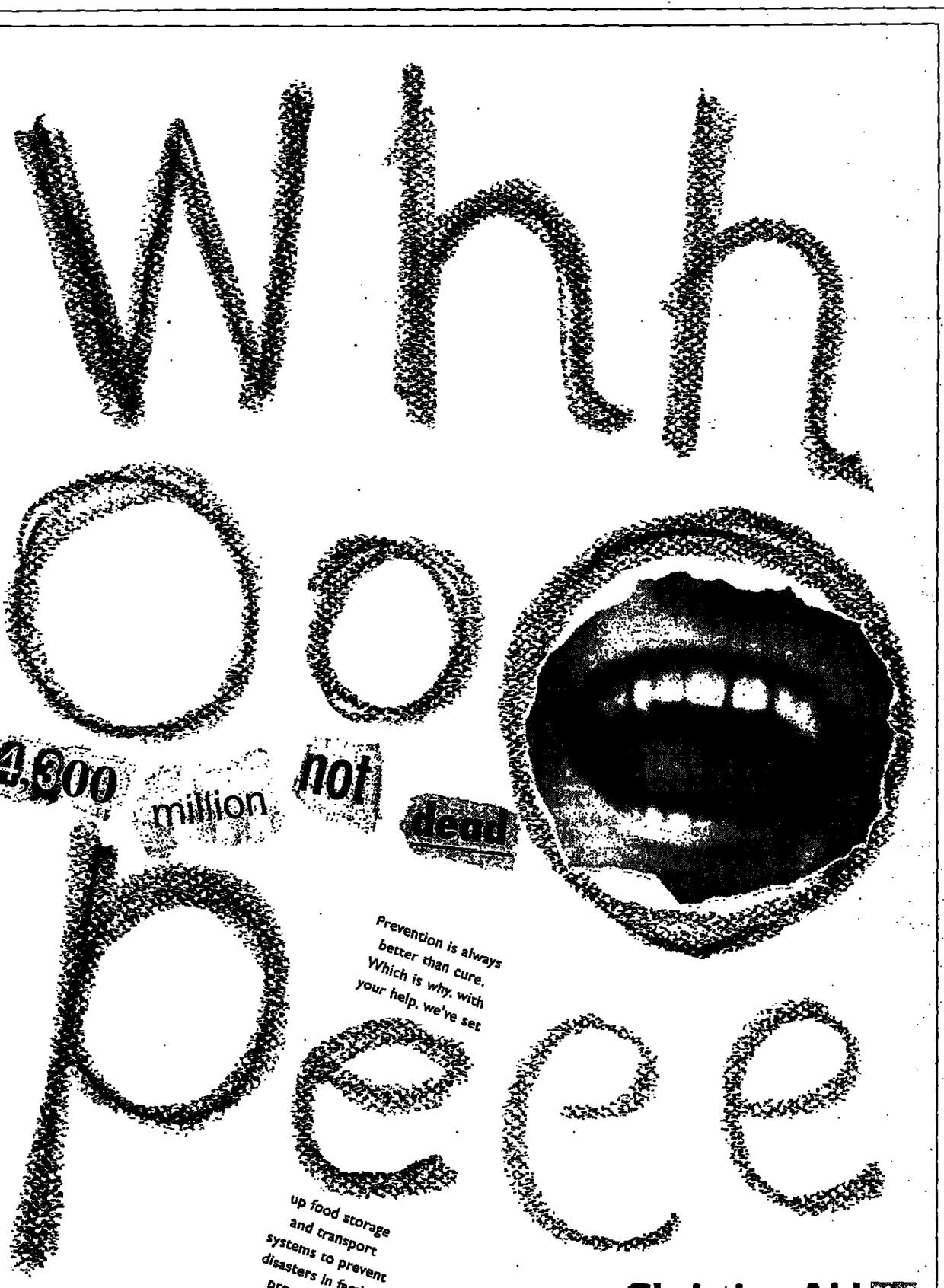
Douglas Hogg, the Agriculture Minister, fared even worse. Having been given the onerous task of setting the conference alight with the opening speech, he failed miserably.

Michael Portillo woke from a day of initial euphoria to be attacked from Europe, the Tory Left and even the Tory Right for his tub-thumping jingoism.

Justin Hinchcliffe, hard-Right London schoolboy, planned to take the conference by storm but sat silently when he was not called to the platform.

John Prescott, deputy leader of the Labour Party, failed in his effort to attract Tories to a "defectors" stand during the conference.

Ten hungry diners at the Cottage fish restaurant who were told that they could not keep their table because the Prime Minister and his entourage were about to arrive.





'Gang buster' may take on the Mafia and Triads

BY STEWART TENDLER AND MICHAEL EVANS

A NATIONAL "gang buster" with powers to direct undercover operations against the Mafia, the Triads and Yardie drug runners is expected to be appointed after John Major's call for a new drive against organised crime.

The prospect was one option discussed by police and Whitehall officials yesterday as they began to flesh out the Prime Minister's plans for a national detective squad.

Neither the police nor the Home Office is yet certain what will happen. After a private debate on fighting crime, chief constables welcomed the Mr Major's idea but suggested that there was no need for a new unit. Instead, the six regional crime squads and the national criminal intelligence service could be harnessed together under a national co-ordinator with more power.

The Home Office is setting up a directorate to manage the debate and the new strategy. Yesterday sources suggested there could be a new unit above the regional crime squads, which would be a new tier drawing staff from the squads. That would also require a commander.

Whatever happens the new strategy will include the Security Service. Stella Rimington, the Director-General of MI5, has already begun preparations to allocate key intelligence officers and analysts to work on a daily basis with police.

Since MI5 took the lead role over the police in intelligence-gathering operations against Irish terrorists, several police officers have worked at the Security Service's headquarters in Westminster and MI5 officers work at Scotland Yard.

After Mr Major's announcement yesterday, security sources said both the Security Service Act, which covers MI5, and the Intelligence Services Act, which embraces MI6 and GCHQ, would have to be amended. At present MI5 is empowered to mount covert operations only against terrorism, espionage and subversion. The Intelligence Services Act, however, allows MI6 and GCHQ to gather intelligence on "serious crime". A similar clause will now be inserted into the Security Service Act.

In persuading Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, and the police to allow MI5 to move into "non-traditional" areas of investigation, Mrs Rimington argued that the Security Service's long experience in covert surveillance and intelligence gathering would provide "added value" to police operations. She does not expect MI5's £150 million budget to be increased.

Yesterday David Bickford, who was an MI5 director and legal adviser to both the Security Service and MI6 until his retirement this year, said: "MI5 is expert in the art of gathering and analysis of covert information over the long term. MI5 officers delve into organisations, learning the command structures, understanding the people and the pattern of illegal activities."

The police, he said, were experts in the use of covert information in short-term operations. It was this difference in approach that allowed MI5 and the police to co-ordinate so well in the fight against terrorism. MI5 would not be out of its depth because the criminal gangs were managed not unlike the old KGB and Eastern Bloc intelligence agencies and terrorist groups

He said that MI5 expertise would be crucial in investigating these gangs and discounted fears that MI5 was not as accountable as the police. In many recent terrorist trials MI5 officers had given evidence relating to deep covert operations.

"MI5 is not a secret police organisation, it is a gatherer of information by covert means and has no executive powers," he said. In preparation for trials, MI5 opened its files to the Crown Prosecution Service, including telephone intercept and eavesdropping material, so that "any failure to adhere to the rules can be ascertained".



Rimington: joining forces with police

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Doubts raised over extra police

BY STEWART TENDLER
CRIME CORRESPONDENT

JOHN MAJOR'S promise of 5,000 extra police recruits in the next three years will mean an extra 32 officers a year each if shared equally across Britain's 51 forces.

Yesterday chief constables and police organisations expressed their delight at the promise, which will increase the present strength to 133,000 at a cost of about £100 million over the three years.

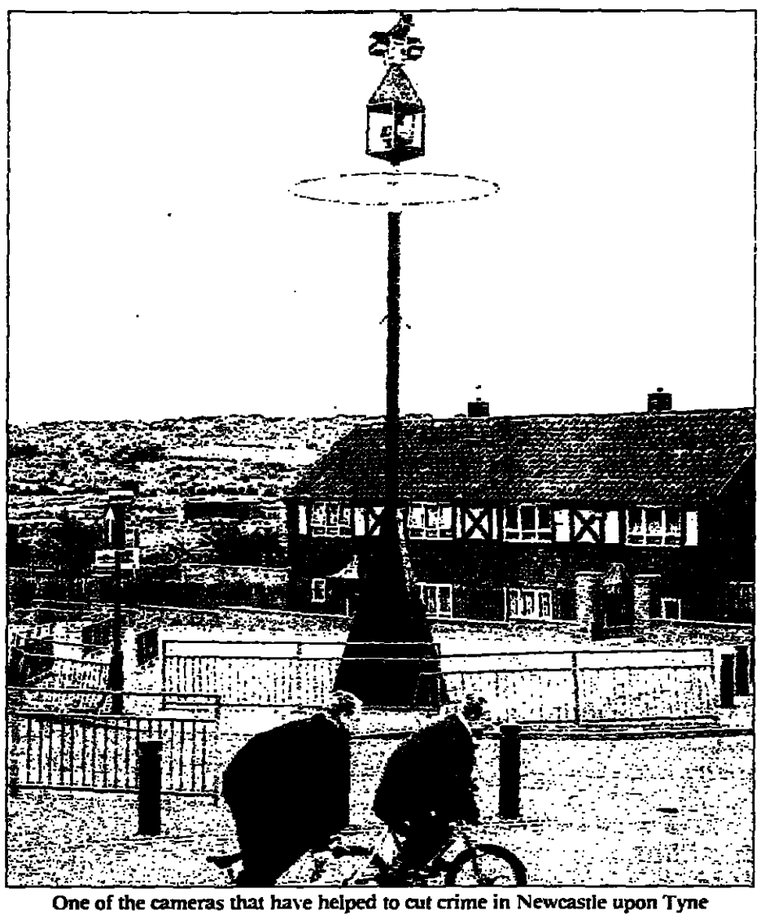
But there are questions over how the money will be allocated and whether forces will actually spend it on more officers rather than new computers or vehicles and buildings.

The announcement means that if the cash is equally divided there would be funding for 1,666 officers in each of the next financial years, but that manpower would be spread between 51 forces in England, Scotland and Wales. Divided equally that would mean each force would get 32 officers. This would mean a lot to Dumfries and Galloway police, with 384 officers, but do little for the urban forces such as the Metropolitan Police.

There are also doubts about whether more police on the beat actually prevents crime. Research suggests a patrolling officer may catch a burglar only once every 40 years and when patrols were taken off a London area some years the crime rate did not suddenly rise.

Evidence of the benefits of street cameras is much clearer. Just 16 cameras have been credited with reducing crime in Newcastle upon Tyne by 6,000 offences in two years. Traders, who provided half the £270,000 needed to introduce the system, are reaping the benefits of falling crime and lower insurance bills.

The biggest falls are in vehicle theft and taking without consent (56 per cent), burglary of commercial premises (50 per cent), damage (47 per cent), theft from vehicles (40 per cent), theft from person (20 per cent) and assault (19 per cent).



One of the cameras that have helped to cut crime in Newcastle upon Tyne

Schools ready for subsidy campaign

BY DAVID CHARTER
EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

INDEPENDENT schools were preparing yesterday for a recruitment drive among low-income families to implement John Major's expansion of subsidised places.

David Woodhead, director of the Independent Schools Information Service, welcomed the announcement that the Assisted Places Scheme is to be doubled to cater for 70,000 pupils. "This is excellent news," he said. "We have constantly urged the Government to expand the scope of the scheme, which is a significant contribution to parental choice. It should mean that for tens of thousands of families the future will hold a wider choice of schools."

At present only 87 per cent of the 35,000 places are filled but the schools say there is now a demand for new places and a waiting list of schools ready to join the scheme.

One Tory backbench critic, however, called Mr Major's move a "phoney" showdown with Labour. George Walden, MP for Buckingham and a former Education Minister, shared the Labour Party view that the scheme maintained a "divided and divisive" education system. He said the money would better be spent on bringing private schools into the state system, so any child could attend them.

Tories regroup but Labour retains the edge

Tony Blair and "new" Labour are the main gainers from the conference season. But their position is not as overwhelmingly commanding as either most Labour activists believe or the polls suggest. The Tories have stopped retreating. They have had their best conference since the 1992 election.

The July leadership contest has produced a truce in the battle over the future of the Tory party. In a confident performance yesterday, John Major was able to look outwards and present a reasonably coherent pre-election strategy. And, while largely ignored by both main parties, the Liberal Democrats survive as a potentially important third force in a close election.

Labour is riding high on the back of the widespread reaction against 16½ years of the Tories in power — a sense of exclusion and of a divided Britain — coupled with the non-ideological freshness of Mr Blair's appeal. This is stronger on themes than specific commitments despite the flood of new policy documents. Whether dressed up as a "young" country, or "new" Britain, it all boils down to "time for a change".

The Tory reply is the traditional one of "don't put it all at risk with Labour". Mr Major specifically addressed the question of "why a fifth term?" The Tories' central theme of building "the enterprise centre of Europe" still sounds more like an advertisement for a new business park than a catchy election slogan. But it provides a focus for the Tories' attempt to portray themselves as the party which will produce lower taxes, lower inflation, more choice in schools, more secure defence, a safer constitution than Labour.

The Tory tactic is to depict Labour as weak on these issues. Over the next few months we will see a series of challenges to the Opposition. Will Labour vote against income tax cuts in next month's Budget? Will Labour vote against the tougher sentences proposed by Michael Howard on Thursday? There is already a competition on which party will provide more police. Last week, Mr Blair's promised to abolish the Assisted Places Scheme to finance a cut in class sizes, but Mr Major turned the tables on Labour by promising a doubling of the size of the scheme.

But the real differences on many of these issues are exaggerated. On Europe, Labour complains about Britain's isolation and loss of influence, while the Tories give warning of the dangers of a federal Europe — "socialism through the back door". The parties do have contrasting attitudes over the social chapter and qualified majority voting, but Labour is as opposed to what is caricatured as "federalism" — political union or a single European army — as most Tories.

Labour naturally wants to change the terms of the political debate, away from specific tax rates to questions of fairness and investing in the future of Britain. That has led to Gordon Brown's iron hand on new spending commitments. But Labour's attempt to propose costless symbolic pledges is unconvincing. The suggested windfall tax on utilities to fund an attack on youth and long-term unemployment is, for example, unlikely to release enough money to fund other favoured spending schemes.

Fundamental questions on public spending and taxes, and the welfare state, remain unanswered by both parties. While Labour yesterday claimed a £5.6 billion price tag for Mr Major's Blackpool promises, the Prime Minister was cautious about specific pledges, particularly on tax where action is only "as soon as prudent". The commitments Mr Major made on policy, the Assisted Places Scheme and the like, are likely to cost less than £500 million a year. Otherwise, all depends on the current spending view: none of the big department budgets has yet been settled with the Treasury. Hence Mr Major's suggestions on welfare reform — such as encouraging new forms of savings and insurance and more flexible use of pensions — were vague.

The party conferences have clarified the election battleground, and shown that Labour still clearly has the edge. But the Government's decisions on public spending and tax in the Budget will be more important in determining how the long pre-election campaign will be fought.

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Young neo-Nazis jailed for arson murder of Turks

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

HEFTY prison sentences were imposed yesterday on four German neo-Nazi sympathisers who set ablaze a Turkish home in the steel city of Solingen, killing five women and girls. The authorities plainly were relieved at the guilty verdict: police reinforcements had been standing by in Solingen anticipating Turkish riots if there was an acquittal.

"I am innocent, innocent," screamed the youngest of the defendants, Felix Koenen, 18, jumping up from the dock. Pointing shakily at Wolfgang Steffen, the presiding judge, he shouted: "I will kill myself before the day is over!" His father, a doctor, ran out of the courtroom weeping and other relatives of the four youths yelled "You swine!" at the judge. By contrast, the family of the murdered Turks nodded in satisfaction at the verdict.

There has been no more emotive issue than the Solingen fire in relations between the one million Turks in Germany and their uneasy hosts. The 1993 attack triggered rioting and looting by Turks and added pressure to the movement to grant dual citizenship to long-term foreign residents. "We want justice now," said one placard tied to the gates of the Düsseldorf high-security courthouse.

Herr Steffen, visibly tired after 18 months of intensive, often controversial hearings, said that the three younger defendants, Koenen, Christian Buchholz and Christian Reher, would be jailed in a youth prison for ten years. Since all three were under the age of 21 when they committed the crime, this was the maximum sentence and matched precisely the demand of the prosecution. The oldest culprit, Markus Gartmann, was imprisoned for 15 years.

In Germany, the trial has gained something of the controversy of the O. J. Simpson case. German television yesterday interrupted all normal broadcasts to report the verdict. Police blunders, and in particular tough interrogation techniques by a chief inspector, allowed the defence lawyers to argue that early confessions had been forced. There were 20 different versions of the events of the night of May 29, 1993. The prosecution based its case on the original testimony of Gartmann who claimed that, after a drunken brawl, the four decided to set on fire the tall, white Turkish house. Gartmann recently retracted that confession, and Reher, 19, took sole blame. The judge chose to believe Gartmann's first statement. "The defendants have received a fair hearing, and there can be no doubt of their guilt," he said, reading a 120-page justification of the verdict.

He said the crime was prompted by "sheer hatred of foreigners". Certainly all four had a record of far-right activity. Two had pinned pictures of themselves, giving Nazi salutes, to their bedroom walls. Gartmann was a member of an established far-right party, and two of the other defendants were regular students at a karate school, which was said to be a meeting point for racist teenagers. The three younger defendants had claimed that their racism was nothing more than a childish game and never amounted to more than the chanting of slogans. The judge, however, chose not to believe them and he discounted the various letters sent by the defendants to relatives of the victims, the Genc family. Defence lawyers said that their clients would take the case to the Court of Appeal. All the men were found guilty on five counts of murder, 14 of attempted murder and of aggravated arson. The Council of Turkish Citizens in Germany said: "This verdict strengthens us further in our knowledge that German justice is a stable and reliable instrument now for combatting racism." Klaus Kinkel, the Foreign Minister, said the verdicts showed that Germany would stand by its Turkish residents, and he appealed to the public "to protect the traditional German-Turkish friendship from damage".



Durmus Genc, left, and his son, Bekir, who was injured in the fire, outside the Düsseldorf court yesterday

Claes goes in front of secret panel

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS

WILLY CLAES, the Secretary-General of Nato, angrily asserted his innocence yesterday when he went before a parliamentary panel that will decide whether to recommend his indictment on charges of fraud and forgery.

Mr Claes, 56, dogged by the corruption case since he took the Nato post a year ago, was questioned in camera by 11 members of a commission which is reviewing a prosecutor's request for authority to charge him over alleged bribes by Agusta, the Italian helicopter company, and Dassault, the French planemakers.

In an affair that has cost the jobs of four serving ministers and been linked to the deaths of two high officials, senior figures in Mr Claes's Flemish Socialist party are said to have received from Agusta a "one half per cent" commission on a Bfr 12 billion (£267 million) order for 46 army helicopters in 1988.

Mr Claes, who was Economics Minister, denied all knowledge. Then, earlier this year, he said he had learnt at the time of a "possible" offer of cash but had urged the party to reject it.

Guy Coeme, then Defence Minister, was also questioned yesterday. He said afterwards that he found the word corruption revolting. "I have refuted all the charges which were presented to me."

While alliance officials privately question Mr Claes's defiant determination to stay in his post, Nato leaders are publicly standing by him. "Willy Claes has led the alliance successfully from beginning to end. This man has proved that he is a worthy Secretary-General," Robert Hunter, the US's Nato Ambassador, said on Thursday.

After a shaky start, Mr Claes has impressed the alliance over the past two months with his firm handling of the Bosnia-Herzegovina operation. The 16-member alliance is eager to clear the air as it prepares to implement the Bosnian peace. But support for Mr Claes is expected to wither if the commission recommends that the full parliament should vote to lift the immunity protecting him as a former minister. The parliament is likely to follow the commission's findings, expected in a week or two.

The two men most often cited as possible successors are Uffe Ellemann-Jensen, a former Danish Foreign Minister, and Ruud Lubbers, a former Dutch Prime Minister.



Willy Claes: still has the support of Nato

Italy seeks art works looted by Germans

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

ITALY has launched a diplomatic offensive to recover thousands of works of art looted during the Second World War, including masterpieces now on display at museums in Berlin, Hanover and Belgrade.

The Ministry for Cultural Heritage this week published a catalogue of 2,000 of the missing paintings, statues, drawings, tapestries and rare musical instruments. The treasures include works by Michelangelo, Botticelli, Canaletto and Tintoretto. The list of missing art was drawn up 20 years ago by Rodolfo Siviero, a Florentine connoisseur who, shortly after the war, tracked down and brought back to Italy many stolen works of art. However, successive Italian governments stopped short of publishing the list for fear of offending Germany and the Soviet Union. In occupying Berlin, the Soviet Army looted many of the artworks that had been stolen by the Nazis.

The German Ambassador in Rome indicated Bonn's intention to co-operate with the search when he attended a presentation of the catalogue at the Campidoglio Palace this week.

The cover of the catalogue carries a photograph of *The Mask of a Faun* by Michelangelo. The marble sculpture was taken by German soldiers from a castle where it had been hidden by curators of the Bargello museum in Florence.



Michelangelo's *The Mask of a Faun* which was taken by German soldiers in Italy during the Second World War

Romania recognises rival claim to throne

FROM REUTER IN BUCHAREST

A ROMANIAN court threw the country's exiled monarchy into turmoil yesterday when it ruled that a 75-year-old prince was the legitimate heir to the late King Carol II.

The judgment recognises Mircea Grigore Lambrino, who lives in London, as the legitimate son of the former monarch, who fled the country in 1940. It appears to call into question the status of exiled King Michael, a beacon for many Romanians through decades of communism.

Court officials in Alexandria, south of Bucharest, said Judge Craciun Garbaci had granted the recognition sought by Mr Lambrino's son, Paul. The court had heard a Byzantine royal tale of an elopement and secret marriage, later annulled, between King Carol and socialite Ioana Zoe "Zizi" Lambrino.

Paul Lambrino had sought a so-called "exequator" to recognise a 1955 ruling in Lisbon, where Carol II died in exile, confirming that Mr Lambrino was his first son and heir. "The application for the exequator has been admitted and the court has ordered the recognition of the Lisbon court decision," Judge Garbaci was reported to have said.

Michael, 73, who lives in Switzerland, had fought the four-year case. He was crowned in 1940 but forced to abdicate in 1947. His lawyer said he would appeal. Monarchists have accused Romania's left-wing government of trying to undermine him.

Bosnia town falls as US prepares for peace talks

BY IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

THE strategic northwestern Bosnian town of Sanski Most has fallen to a Bosnian government offensive, the Bosnian Serb military command admitted yesterday.

"After violent attacks on Thursday, troops of the Fifth Corps [of the Bosnian government Army] occupied Sanski Most," a statement from the Bosnian Serb military headquarters announced. But it said its forces were consolidating their lines.

The acknowledgement of the defeat followed bitter fighting which had raged after the US-sponsored ceasefire began. It came as it was revealed in Washington that the Bosnia peace talks, when they start at the end of this month, will be held at a secluded location in the United States and will last as long as it takes to reach agreement.

They will be modelled on the 13 days of negotiations in 1978 at Camp David, the presidential retreat, which led to the Middle East peace pact. But the Bosnia talks will not be held at Camp David, because President Clinton does not want to take the same gamble as Jimmy Carter, the former President, who staked his reputation on staying with Mr Begin, the Israeli Prime Minister, and President Sadat of Egypt, until they settled their differences.

Instead, the Americans will try to find a place that offers the same facilities as Camp David, without the presidential link. The site was expected to be in the east of the country.

Negotiations are due to start on October 31. They will be closed to the press, and all sides have agreed to give no briefings. Richard Holbrooke, the US Assistant Secretary of State, who negotiated the Bosnian ceasefire, said: "We want results, and daily press briefings are not compatible with that goal."

President Milosevic of Serbia and President Izetbegovic of Bosnia, have agreed to an open-ended stay until a deal is reached. President Tudjman of Croatia will also attend, but may not remain when the others deal with territorial or constitutional issues. Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, will not attend. He has been threatened with arrest as a war criminal if he attempts to enter the United States.

Mr Holbrooke said American officials would act as intermediaries. Negotiations would not need to be face-to-face, at least initially, and would probably be long and arduous. Ceasefire violations would not disrupt the talks, but might generate Nato air strikes, Mr Holbrooke said.

William Perry, the US Defence Secretary, has recommended that Mr Clinton should impose a one-year limit on the participation of up to 25,000 American troops in the post-war Nato peacekeeping force in Bosnia. He told *The Washington Post* that the one-year deadline should apply to the entire Nato mission. The Administration would not seek congressional approval, because the Republican majority could try to disrupt US involvement.



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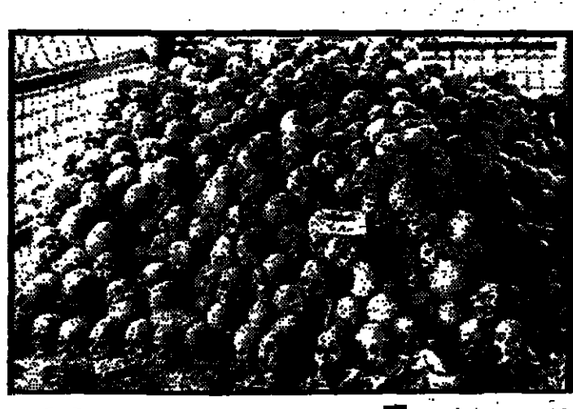
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Saddam mocks democracy with one-man election

BY CHRISTOPHER WALKER, MIDDLE EAST CORRESPONDENT

SADDAM HUSSEIN, the sole candidate, will be returned tomorrow as Iraqi President for seven more years by an overwhelming majority in a referendum that is being treated as a propaganda farce by the world, but heralded by his state-controlled media as *an unprecedented exercise in* "democracy".

Saad al-Jabr, the exiled head of the Free Iraqi Council, said: "The Iraqi people on the outside are laughing. But for the people inside it is no joke: they have no alternative but to go and vote 'yes' as every movement around the polling stations will be watched by the *mukhabarat* [secret police]."

Even Arab nations not known for their observance of Western-style democracy have ridiculed the cult of personality being masterminded by Saddam in a desperate attempt to divert attention from the defections of his two daughters and their husbands in August. One Egyptian daily noted that *Al Iraq*, a tabloid paper of only eight pages, carried a record 45 photographs of the Iraqi dictator in its October 4 edition.

"The idea of an election in which you get to vote for one person and no one else is really a mockery of democratic principles," said Nicolas Burns, the US State Department spokesman.

Rend Rahim, of the Washington think-tank The Iraq Foundation, said that the voting cards on which the seven million eligible voters will have to answer "yes" or "no" to the question: "Do you agree that Saddam Hussein assumes the post of President" were, according to official Iraqi papers, detachable from another section of the ballot card, giving personal details of the voter concerned.

The clandestine Iraqi Broadcasting Corporation, in a report from the Kurd-controlled north, said: "Should the citizen choose the word 'no' having already supplied [personal] information, the consequences would be catastrophic. Standing against the regime carries the death penalty in the laws of the regime."

Despite the nightly presentation on television of praise for the "democratic exercise" from sympathetic foreigners, the Baghdad media has been shameless in its prediction of the outcome of what is the first referendum since the Baath Party came to power in 1968. In a reference to the 39 Scud missiles fired at Israel in the 1991 Gulf war, the daily *Al Thawra* declared: "Our fortieth missile is the word 'yes' for Saddam Hussein, which all the Iraqis will utter."

The pressure to produce a near-total turnout from an electorate that has seen food prices soar more than fiftyfold as a result of United Nations sanctions is such that some local officials have threatened to withhold rations from anyone failing to appear at the polling station.

The purpose of the costly operation is to restore the crumbling authority of the regime under the slogan of "democracy", and to switch attention from the reality that the Government is based on a thuggish family clique.

Even Saddam's critics are braced for cosmetic political reform. "We are certain that he will do something to try to give the impression of running a broader-based Government," said Mr Al Jabr. "His problem will be finding anyone of note to serve with him."



Supporters carrying posters of Saddam attend a rally in Baghdad yesterday

Cult guru 'confesses' over death of lawyer

FROM PEREGRINE HODSON IN TOKYO

SHOKO ASAHARA confessed yesterday to ordering the killings of a Yokohama lawyer, Tsutsumi Sakamoto, his wife and son in November 1989, police sources said.

According to the sources, the leader of the Aum Shinrikyo cult has signed a confession which will be submitted as evidence at the trial of the cult leader and his followers when it begins on October 26. Earlier, Mr Asahara had denied involvement in the case.

At the time of his death, Sakamoto was leading a campaign by parents trying to recover their children from the clutches of Aum Shinrikyo and he was about to begin proceedings against the group. Two senior disciples are alleged to have suggested killing the lawyer to Mr Asahara.

Mr Asahara's alleged confession comes after an announcement yesterday by his lawyer that the cult leader had agreed to the group's voluntary disbandment.

THE TIMES/ DILLONS DEBATE



■ THE political theorist, Francis Fukuyama, who challenged the political and historical establishment with his controversial *The End of History*, is back. His latest book, *Trust: The Social Virtues and the Creation of Prosperity*, targets the world of business and global trade. He will argue at this *Times*/Dillons debate that a country's social and cultural characteristics determine its prosperity. Philosophers John Gray and Roger Scruton will join the debate and Peter Stothard, *Editor of The Times*, will take the chair.

The debate is on Wednesday October 18 at Church House, Great Smith Street, SW1, at 7.30pm. Tickets (£10) are available by telephoning 0121-703 8113/8114.

Latvia seeks to join EU

Moscow: The former Soviet republic of Latvia yesterday applied for membership of the European Union, the latest in a growing list of former Eastern Bloc nations clamouring for admission (Richard Beeston writes).

At a small ceremony in Riga, the capital, President Ulmanis and Maris Gailis, the Prime Minister, signed an official application document. It could take several years of hard lobbying and painful reforms before it is approved.

Quebec gets new campaign boss

Montreal: Quebec's independence movement could gain momentum after the charismatic Lucien Bouchard, 56, took the reins of the campaign for secession. With dwindling rally crowds, public gaffes and poor opinion polls, observers had all but written off the separatists' chances in the October 30 sovereignty referendum. *(Reuter)*

Nuclear cash

Copenhagen: The Danish Government will pay Danes and Greenlanders £8 million compensation over the 1968 crash of an American B52 nuclear bomber in Greenland. The Health Ministry money will go to 1,500 people, including clean-up workers, the families of those who died, and local villagers. *(AP)*

50-year hitch

New York: United Nations staff, upset at planned job cuts, are threatening to boycott this month's celebrations of the UN's 50th anniversary. The staff union, representing about 10,000, is considering "non-participation".

Punjabi police chief to be charged

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

THE Punjab police chief, K.P.S. Gill, is to be charged with "outraging the modesty" of a senior woman civil servant by allegedly slapping her bottom during an official dinner party.

Mr Gill was in charge of crushing the Punjab separatist uprising with tactics that were condemned by international human rights groups. Thousands were killed.

The incident is alleged to have occurred in 1988. Since then his accuser, Rupan Deol Bajaj, has pursued the case in the courts. She claims to have suffered humiliation and professional discrimination for *daring to stand up to Mr Gill*.

The Supreme Court ordered Mr Gill to stand trial for indecent behaviour and directed that the chief magistrate in Chandigarh, the Punjabi capital, complete proceedings within six months. Mrs Bajaj, an officer of the Indian Administrative Service, has refused to drop the case in return for an apology.

Mrs Bajaj's lawyer claimed that Mr Gill was drunk at the time of the incident. It allegedly happened at a party at a senior Punjabi government official's home, attended by journalists and local dignitaries. The Supreme Court declared: "We have found that Mr Gill behaved indecently with Mrs Bajaj in the presence of the gentry and, in spite of her objections, continued with such behaviour."

Lawyers say that once court proceedings begin, Mr Gill will have to apply for bail to avoid arrest. He may also be forced to resign.



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Clinton woos the black vote with U-turn on march

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT CLINTON, in an attempt to capitalise on support for his re-election among black voters, yesterday all but endorsed a black rally in Washington on Monday only days after he had expressed serious reservations about Louis Farrakhan, its extremist organiser.

The "Million-Man March", attracting widespread black support and white consternation, could push Mr Farrakhan, the Nation of Islam leader, to the forefront of mainstream black leadership.

Mr Clinton, who said last week that the march was "not a good idea", has now described it as a "good thing" for black men to gather to discuss family matters and responsibility in the community. "He believes there could be genuinely a positive outcome as a result of the work of those who are going to gather on Monday," said Mike McCurry, the White House spokesman.

The Administration, which continues to agonise over race relations in the aftermath of the O. J. Simpson murder trial, felt that the initial approach to the march was too negative and realised that recent polls among black people place Mr Clinton well ahead of General Colin Powell in a two-way race for the White House next year.

Mr Farrakhan had also demanded that the President, who is expected to address race issues in a speech at the University of Texas on Monday, step into the "wide chasm" created by the Los Angeles verdict.

There is little doubt that hand-wringing after the Simpson trial has played a part. The liberal establishment has only begun to realise its own part in creating the vacuum which Mr Farrakhan has so adroitly exploited.

Despite his distasteful rhetoric, many blacks in America will support the march not because they share the Farrakhan bigotry towards Jews and whites or indeed his call to the "capital of our oppression". They will join an event, expected to attract as many as 200,000, because they believe the public message will galvanise blacks to take control of their own destiny. The message, they say, is more powerful than the messenger.

Mr Farrakhan declared: "If we can organise black men to go back into our communities, pool our resources intellectually and financially, to create job opportunities for our people, to lessen the burden of crime and violence, what intelligent person would not want to embrace that kind of idea?" While the Rev Jesse Jackson, the civil rights activist, Mike Tyson, the boxer, and Public Enemy, the divisive rap band, have agreed to attend, a number of leading black celebrities remain too wary of Mr Farrakhan. General Powell, Mr Simpson and Johnnie Cochran, Mr Simpson's leading lawyer who has been using Mr Farrakhan's Fruit of Islam guards for security, are staying away.

Two of the country's largest black religious groups, the National Baptist Convention and the Progressive National Baptist Convention, have said they cannot endorse the rally because it does not promote Christianity.

Black women have been affronted that the march excludes them. "We should not be going back to some 1930s white-picket fence, ladies-at-home mode," said Jewell Jackson McCabe, founder of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women.

Demagogue seeks mainstream role

BY TOM RHODES

LOUIS FARRAKHAN, the firebrand organiser of the "Million Man March", was once a shy, stuttering child who devoted himself to violin playing and calypso singing. Much has changed since he was born, Louis Walcott, 62 years ago in the Bronx.

The Farrakhan ministry in Chicago is now guarded day and night by the notorious stone-faced guards who form his Fruit of Islam security entourage. The shy stutter has been replaced by a rhetoric so divisive and racist that even many blacks fear him as a dangerous separatist.

The white establishment, through a combination of fear and ignorance, has been too quick to dismiss the charismatic Nation of Islam leader as a "travelling preacher" with little organisational strength.

In private a calm, seemingly rational man who has always yearned for a place among the elders of his race, Mr Farrakhan has gained notoriety for the fiery rhetoric which has frustrated any ambitions he had to enter mainstream black politics. He calls for separatism, asserts of black racial superiority and has described Jews as "bloodsuckers". Judaism, he says, is a "gutter religion" and the Holocaust was nothing compared with the slavery of blacks.

Nevertheless, polls place Mr Farrakhan level with Jesse Jackson in the race to lead the black community.



A Cuban farmer makes his way by traditional transport on a coastal road beside the partially-built Juragua nuclear power plant

Cuba's nuclear 'monster' awaits new life

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN JURAGUA, CUBA

FROM a distance it appears to rise out of the sea: a menacing dome of concrete cloaked in a tangled web of scaffolding. To friends and foe alike, it is known as "the monster".

Workers at Cuba's Juragua nuclear power plant use the name affectionately. "We are very fond of the monster. Part of our lives have gone into it," said José Capote, 32, who has worked on the project for almost a decade.

In Miami and Washington, however, Juragua conjures up images of a nuclear nightmare on the scale of the accident in 1986 at the Chernobyl plant in the former Soviet Union. In a letter to President Clinton in June, a group of American congressmen, including Newt Gingrich, the House Speaker, wrote that Juragua, "if completed ... will pose a serious threat to the safety of the United States". Juragua is about 240 miles south of Miami, but remains a somewhat distant threat, since the unfinished plant, originally subsidised by the Soviet Union, was mothballed in 1992 when Cuba announced that it could not meet the new financial terms set by the Russian Government to complete the dual-reactor complex.

> If it is completed, the Juragua plant will pose a serious threat to the safety of the US

However, earlier this week a senior Russian delegation, led by Oleg Soskovets, the First Deputy Prime Minister, arrived in Cuba for a week-long official tour. This included a visit to Juragua, raising speculation that a deal may be in the pipeline.

Clearly Cuba has not abandoned its ream of producing nuclear energy, although it cannot afford to. The island has a severe energy shortage, with domestic oil production covering only part of its fuel needs. Cuba says that if one of the Juragua reactors came online, it could provide up to 15 per cent of the island's energy needs. Cuba has put out feelers recently in search of European investors to complete the first reactor, but experts say that this will not be easy. Completion of the reactor could cost more than £500 million over between three and five years.

The reactor site dominates the narrow entrance to the bay of Cienfuegos, a southern industrial city where most of the factories are closed or barely operating. Next to Juragua lies "Nuclear City", the half-built town of flats for plant workers, along with schools and a clinic. About 1,200 workers maintain the plant. Others have been moved to jobs elsewhere and some poorly-paid scientists are now working in tourist hotels and restaurants in Havana.

Officials at the National Centre for Nuclear Security, say one of the reactors was about 90 per cent complete when work ceased. The second reactor is only 20 to 30 per cent built. Thanks to £19 million from Moscow, the plant is being carefully maintained as Cuba searches for new funding.

That does not satisfy critics of the plant, especially Cuban exiles who have lobbied Congress to punish any country that offers to help complete Juragua. However, Jonathan Benjamin-Alvarado, a trade and security expert at the University of Georgia, said that Congress "has repeatedly misinformed the American public about the design of the reactor, stating repeatedly that it was a Chernobyl design." He suspects that opposition to Juragua is motivated more by a desire to bring about Cuba's economic collapse than any genuine safety concern.

Mexicans fear divine wrath as tenth hurricane prolongs season of misery



Anxious residents watch buildings for signs of collapse during tremors that rocked Mexico City on Thursday

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

MEXICO is taking a battering this storm season in what even the most windswept observers admit is an autumn of remarkably violent weather.

Thousands of Mexicans fled from torrential rains and battering winds yesterday as Roxanne, the tenth hurricane of the year, now downgraded to a tropical storm, neared the Gulf of Mexico coast. Last night residents along the coast were warned to expect battering waves and tides four to six feet high. "God is paying us back for the Government misbehaving," Javier Lucio, an exhausted street salesman, said. States of emergency were meanwhile being declared after floodwaters rose and power supplies flickered as Roxanne swept over the Yucatan peninsula. Tourists were stranded at Cancun airport and slept on the floors of local shelters. Police and the army fought against the elements but, weakened by fatigue, found they had no time to clear up between one storm and the next as Hurricane Opal yielded to Roxanne.

At least 55 people are known to have died in an earthquake that hit the Pacific resort of Manzanillo on Monday, and strong aftershocks have continued since. So relentless have been the storms along Mexico's east coast that one newspaper carried a cartoon of God throwing a thunderbolt at the country while an angel pleaded for mercy. Homero Aridjis, a Mexican poet, was quoted by a news agency as saying: "The Virgin of Guadalupe has abandoned Mexico. We used to say that Mexico has so many dangers that only the Virgin protected us from the worst. That appears no longer the case."

But President Zedillo, for all his proud-chested pomp abroad at a time when his country was being buffeted by misfortune — last night he was flying home from a visit to President Clinton — is faulted less than his predecessor, Carlos Salinas de Gortari, who left office in December. The people are looking to the Zedillo Administration to stop the rot — and the winds. Francisco Cruz, a journalist, said yesterday from Mexico City: "The crisis here is really hard — worse than in 1982 — but people know they must work harder to survive."

Television weather forecasters nightly chart the progress of the storms as they swirl in off the ocean. In the Gulf of Mexico itself, 3,500 oil workers have been pulled off rigs in the Campeche Sound, source of much of Mexico's crude oil. The state oil company has suspended most of its operations in the gulf.

Perhaps the only compensation for Mexicans is that they are not alone in their plight. Hurricane Opal caused an estimated $2 billion (£1.27 billion) worth of damage in Florida, where the tourist trade has been hit by the storms. It has been the same story in the Caribbean islands. So far it is the most stormy year since 1969, and there is still a month and a half to go before the official end of the hurricane season. Even the worst year on record, 1933, had only ten hurricanes, although it also had 21 tropical storms, compared with 17 so far this year.

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Hong Kong police hit by resurgent corruption

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

FEARS are growing in Hong Kong that corruption is re-infecting the police as some officers try to make their fortunes before the Chinese takeover in 1997.

Several small syndicates of crooked police have recently been broken up, and Bertrand de Speville, Commissioner of the Independent Commission Against Corruption, which was founded in the late 1970s to clean out the police, said yesterday: "What we are seeing in these organised groups, in the way they operate, is very reminiscent of the bad old days."

Mr de Speville, who has deployed about 80 extra officers to combat corruption, said the number of crooked officers is very small. This is disputed by other experts who contend that Hong Kong crime is so sophisticated, even in the police, that the commission is not up to the task, and that the Government fears divulging the extent of the problem.

The commissioner conceded that there is a trend for officers to try to make money before the handover. "We will see an upsurge in activity because people want to make money as quickly as possible. This is true in the civil service generally, but the police have a particular problem."

At least 153 officers, in a force of 30,000 are under investigation, including seven senior inspectors, one superintendent, and 25 sergeants. This is the highest number for more than five years. Some officers have been suspended on full pay for four years.

> "No officer is going to walk around the way they used to, bragging about his take, waving bundles of notes"

One retired senior security official suggested that the delay in bringing suspended officers to trial is because the public would be shocked by the extent of corruption. He said the situation was similar to the days when the commission was established: scores of its officers were arrested, the police called mass meetings and broke into commission headquarters to beat up the staff.

A leading barrister said yesterday that the Government "is walking on eggs. They know the public doesn't accept police corruption anymore, but the Government have something to do with 1997," but he insists that corruption has been "driven to the margins of our public and commercial life."

The corruption takes many forms. Sixty constables are being investigated for having posed for photographs wearing only caps and belts. It is unclear whether the pictures were connected with prostitution. Others are involved in pay-offs from gambling and prostitution, while others are facing charges for involvement in armed robbery.

Senior Superintendent Laurence Poots, who heads the police's internal investigating body, says that there are only isolated incidents of corruption in the force.

Mr de Speville said yesterday that he hoped recent assurances given to him by mainland officials who oppose corruption would encourage people in Hong Kong. However, it is precisely the scope of corruption in China, which seems to be seeping across the border, that terrifies Hong Kong's people.

Dismissed OJ juror 'poses for Playboy'

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN SANTA CLARITA, CALIFORNIA

A WOMAN who was dismissed from the O. J. Simpson jury after telling the judge "I can't take it any more", is back in court — on a photographic set for *Playboy* magazine.

John Warren, manager of Lindsey Studios, said on Thursday that *Playboy* booked the studio the day after Mr Simpson was acquitted last week. The $4,000-a-day (£2,540) studio was overhauled to resemble a courtroom, Mr Warren said. He would not identify the juror, but two television stations showed a video of a woman they said was Tracy Hampton leaving the studio. They said the video was taken after the shoot in Santa Clarita, 25 miles north of Los Angeles. *Playboy* refused to comment.

Ms Hampton, 26, an airline flight attendant, was dismissed from the jury on May 1 after telling Judge Lance Ito that she could not take the strain of sequestration. She told NBC she had been in hospital because of depression and stress brought on by her jury service.



Tracy Hampton, the dismissed Simpson case juror said by television stations to have posed for *Playboy*

'Men only rule' at lunch for Hillary

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

AMERICA'S First Lady has become embroiled in a sex discrimination case which allegedly involves the sort of anti-female bias she so dislikes.

A part-time waitress is claiming she was deprived of the chance to work at a lunch thrown recently in Hillary Clinton's honour. Jessica Weigmann says the employment agency decided to employ only male waiters for the lunch, attended by 30 other prominent women.

The firm involved, Glorious Foods, is one of New York's smartest caterers. Miss Weigmann seems to have divulged a company secret: offering clients male-only waiters.

In a New York court, she claims the company has sent forms to clients with boxes allowing them to tick a "male waiters only" option. Miss Weigmann, 31, is seeking back pay and damages. Glorious Foods denies sexual bias, but another former female employee has described a recent dinner at which, she claims, waitresses were dropped in favour of men.

Roosevelt's wife was wanted by KGB as recruit

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

A WARTIME KGB officer in the United States thought that Eleanor Roosevelt, always honoured in America for her loyalty, could be recruited as a Soviet spy.

This implausible proposal was discussed in intercepted cables between KGB offices in New York and Moscow, released in Washington yesterday by the National Security Agency more than 50 years after they were written.

The KGB officer was working for a demanding boss, Lavrenti Beria, head of state security and second only to Stalin as the most feared man in the Soviet Union. KGB documents in May 1943 discussed targeting Mrs Roosevelt by using a close friend of hers who was married to a wealthy American and considered friendly towards the Kremlin.

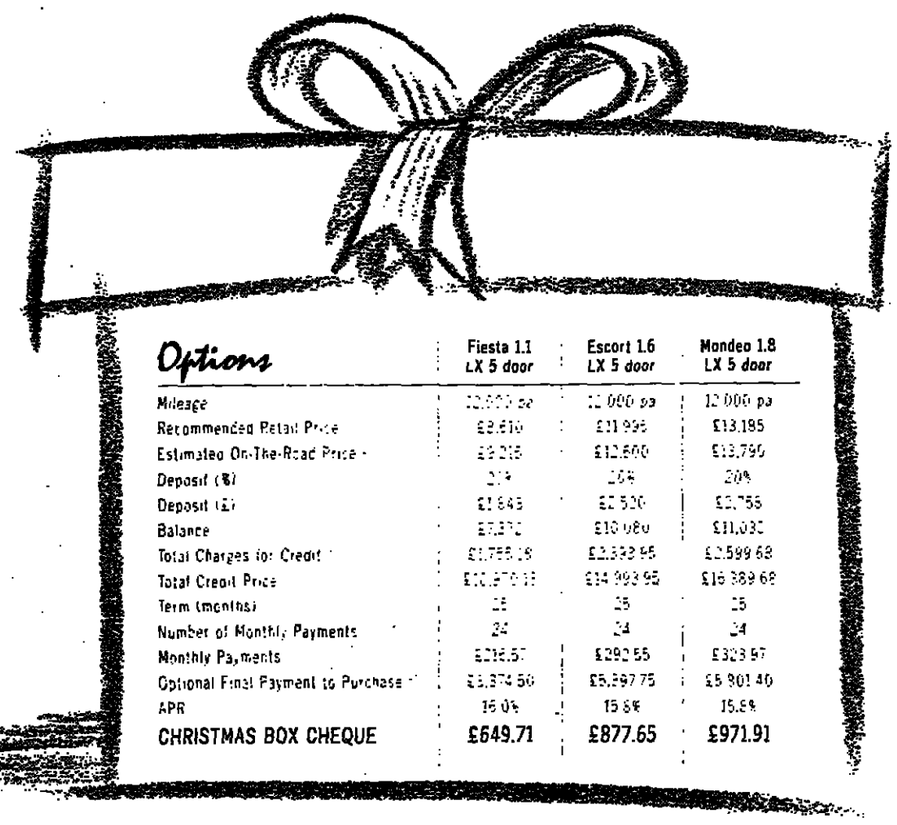
The tantalising and fragmentary documents make reference to "processing" Mrs Roosevelt for future recruitment through the friend's contacts with a Soviet agent. It is not clear whether Moscow ever pursued this pipedream. At the time, America and the Soviet Union were allies against Nazi Germany, and Mrs Roosevelt, an ardent internationalist, was certainly active in drumming up grassroots support in the United States for aid to Russia. Maybe the KGB misread her intentions and thought she was pro-communist.

The documents are part of the Venona file of more than 2,200 pages which were intercepted during the Second World War. Many sections of the documents still baffle codebreakers.

The cables were exchanged at a time when Stalin suspected Britain and America would make a separate peace with Hitler to allow the Nazis to continue their advance on Moscow. A cable from New York reported that "a highly placed officer whose information has so far been correct" said four German army officers had arrived in Britain with a proposal which would allow partial allied occupation of Germany "on condition they break with Russia".

A later, more accurate cable said America and Britain would soon land strong forces in Italy. They invaded Sicily less than a month later.

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Panicking Social Democrats prefer to savage party leader than to challenge Chancellor

Bite put on the boss

BONN FILE
by ROGER BOYES



THE writer diplomat, Lawrence Durrell, hated cocktail parties. *One of his characters, clearly standing in for the author, used to prop himself up against a wall and imagine the entire gathering was piled on a sledge hurtling through the steppes, pursued by hungry wolves. The trick was to picture who would be discarded first, then second, then third.*

Germany's Social Democrats seem to be playing a similar game. People keep falling off the sledge. *Rudolf Scharping has* pushed or let fall his economics spokesman, one of his best defence experts, a shrewd press officer and his chief party manager, as well as a gaggle of other officials within a few brisk weeks. The wolves, however, are howling for more. His personal popularity has slumped to 15 per cent; the party is at a postwar low.

The betting is his party will be battered badly in Berlin elections next week but he will survive a leadership election on October 24 and probably next month's party congress. But in the long term, which in the Social Democratic Party means six months, he has lost.

The conventional wisdom is to blame his lack of charisma. The papers are full of comparisons between Tony Blair (chirpy, open moderniser) and Rudolf Scharping (bearded, stubborn traditionalist). But the projection of personality is not such a critical factor for the Germans. Helmut Kohl, certainly in his early years, was no match for Franz-Josef Strauss, yet the Christian Democrats and the voters preferred the stolid Rhinelander to the fiery Bavarian orator.

The real reason for Herr Scharping's rapid demolition is the notorious "Out of power syndrome". During Herr Kohl's 13-year reign, the Social Democrats have become deeply provincial, willing to exercise power at a regional or town hall level but panicking about taking on national leadership. It is easier to knock down the party leader than to challenge the Chancellor. The party's crisis will not end until March. Then the successful outcome of a regional election in Schleswig-Holstein should free the Social Democrat prime minister, Heide Simonis, to challenge for one of Herr Scharping's jobs. There are other more noisy candidates for the leadership. Oskar Lafontaine, the tubby Saarland prime minister, wants to relieve Herr Scharping of the party chairmanship. Gerhard Schroeder, *prime minister of Lower Saxony*, thinks he has a better chance to beat Herr Kohl and is certainly the Social Democrat whom the Government most fears. But Frau Simonis is fresh and plucky and won arguments with the civil service union.

Naturally the party is presenting this lupine infighting as a question of principle: modernisers *against conservatives*. The real struggle, though, is between the carnivore faction (who will eat raw flesh to take power) and the *vegetarian majority (who would* rather sit out the next few years in the briar patch until Herr Kohl retires). Herr Scharping is said to favour Brussels sprouts.



Show of unity: the bearded Rudolf Scharping with Oskar Lafontaine, left, and Gerhard Schroeder.

Rebel's cause devalued

HELMUT KOHL, the Chancellor, has called for Christian Democratic party discipline on the potentially explosive issue of European Monetary Union. He has told deputies he will not tolerate "populist diversions" on the single currency.

Not all those at a closed-door Christian Democrat session fell into line. Wolfgang Schulman spoke against the currency. Herr Kohl ignored him, talking loudly to advisers before walking out halfway through the speech. Herr Schulman earned the applause of only three deputies, the rest maintaining a strict silence.

His career is unlikely to prosper over the next few years.

It's guid to support Caledonia

SWIRLING kilts and the skirl of pipes have become a feature of European life. The Highland Games are being held in The Netherlands, not known for its heights. Kilted Dutchmen toss the caber, sheepdogs go through their paces and pipe bands from across the Continent exercise their lungs. In Germany and Switzerland bagpipe academies are flourishing and it is all the rage at a German society wedding to hire a uniformed piper.

There were always Caledonian societies and well-oiled Burns nights for expatriate Scottish communities. Now more and more foreigners are taking part. In Bonn, the St Andrew's Night ball is overwhelmingly attended by Germans keen to tuck in to haggis and hear the Chief, currently the British press attaché, Michael Forbes Smith, recite Rabbie Burns ("It's guid to support Caledonia's cause") in the incomprehensible original.

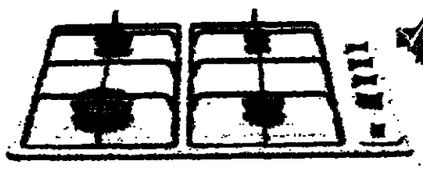
Braveheart, about Scottish hero William Wallace, is a hit in German cinemas and the Edinburgh-born Foreign Secretary, Malcolm Rifkind, is rarely off the TV. Car stickers on Volkswagen mini-buses — a sure indicator of the popular mood — announce: Think Haggis.

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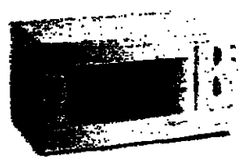
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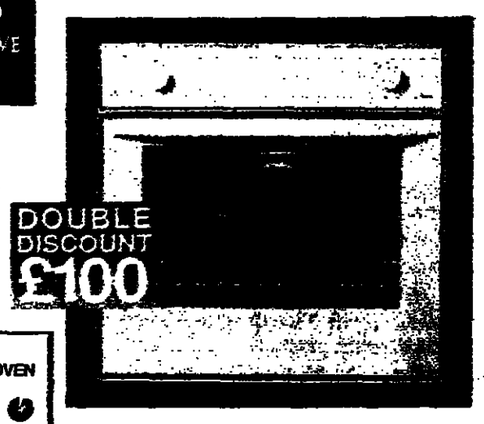


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Spain refuses to lend Picasso war picture to France

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

NEARLY 60 years after a notorious bombing raid in the *Spanish Civil War inspired* Pablo Picasso to paint *Guernica*, the great symbol of pacifism has become embroiled in the row over France's resumption of nuclear testing in the South Pacific.

Art experts in Madrid have refused to lend the painting to France for an exhibition, claiming it is too fragile to be moved. The decision has been interpreted here as a political gesture in retaliation for France's resumption of nuclear testing.

The Spanish press has argued that it would be inappropriate to lend the icon of the *pacifist movement to France* while President Chirac continues his nuclear policy.

The row cast a brief shadow over President Chirac's visit to Madrid last week. At a press conference with M Chirac, Felipe González, the Spanish Prime Minister, insisted the decision rested "solely on the question of whether the painting can withstand another journey". He said the Government would not be "swayed by the emotions of public opinion".

But the Spanish authorities are expected to delay making a final ruling on the politically sensitive issue until after elections next March, by which time the French nuclear tests will be completed. The exhibition in France, entitled *Face to Face with History*, is to take place at the end of next year.

Already bruised by the outcry against nuclear testing, the French press has seized on the squabble as fresh evidence that France has become an international pariah. "Spain should not be too miserly in this affair," *Le Figaro* said yesterday.

French art experts have been quick to point out that Picasso painted *Guernica* not as an indictment of war, but to protest against a specific event during the Spanish Civil War: the slaughter of civilians in the Basque town of Guernica on April 26, 1937, by Nazi warplanes on behalf of General Franco.

The French point out that the painting made a far longer trip in 1981, when it was moved from New York's Museum of Modern Art to Madrid, in accordance with Picasso's wishes. The French press has also reminded readers that Picasso painted *Guernica* in Paris, where it was *first exhibited in 1937.*



Guernica: a detail from the Picasso painting

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See the show, who needs the video?

May I introduce you to the last nail in the coffin of Western civilisation? Well, perhaps I exaggerate. After all, we have not yet experienced Sir Cliff Richard's musical adaptation of *Wuthering Heights*. But I exaggerate only a little. This nail is called "Going out for the evening, but ending up watching telly" — and it is the saddest thing I have heard about since Lionel Bart's *Twang!*

Don't get me wrong. I am not referring to the perfectly normal subterfuge of pledging to see a friend perform in, say, the local operatic society's *Merry Widow*, and then developing a strategic migraine which renders you incapable of doing anything that night except watching *Lethal Weapon 3* on the box.

No, the alarming new custom is where you actually make the effort to leave your house and catch some good old-fashioned live entertainment, only to find when you get there that the promoter had desperately tried to make the experience come as close as possible to watching telly at home.

This probably all started when video screens were erected at sporting events. Ostensibly their function was to give those at the back a close-up of the action. But there was another reason. The screens were intended to attract a new generation of fans who had been brought up on action replays, and were consequently startled to discover that, at a live match, the words "blink and you miss it" are literally true.

Well, I concede that there is a certain sadistic pleasure to be had from watching a batsman's atrocious parting shot replaying over and over on a giant screen as the unfortunate chap trudges back to the pavilion. Caligula would have approved of action replays.

But what can one make of the sudden appearances of video screens in the serious music world? Inevitably, the pace has been set by the South Bank Centre in London — or Gimmicks 'R' Us as we may soon have to describe this extravagantly subsidised rest-home for terrible marketing ideas.

This month the South Bank's Great New Idea is to pep up its piano recitals by relaying the video image of the pianist's hands on a giant screen behind the performer. Action relays of the big moments (*Trill of the Day? Test Octaves Special?*) will clearly be the next step.

I can think of several pianists who, if the fee were substantial enough, would be happy to perform in front of a display of baton-twirling by the Dagenham Girl Pipers. But most pianists, funnily enough, cling to the fusty old notion that the masterpieces of their repertoire require an aura of concentration if they are to reveal their full profundity. How you create that concentration when your disembodied hands are whizzing around a giant screen is something I leave to Brendel, Ashkenazy and Co to puzzle out.



RICHARD MORRISON

Meanwhile, from America comes news of an even odder technological development. Opera has, of course, already made one big concession to the telly age, when it introduced translations on supertitles. They were a revelation. For the first time, English-speaking audiences could truly appreciate the depths of poetic banality plumbed by most opera librettos.

Now the Metropolitan Opera in New York has spent more than a million quid developing an exciting refinement of supertitles. Instead of the translation being flashed up on a big screen, it now appears on tiny screens attached to the back of all the seats. Just like those personal videos found in the posher cabins of jumbo jets! I only hope that the Met has also invested in blankets and reclining seats, so that you can get a proper kip during Wagner.

About 20 years ago there was a fashion for producing recordings of "womb sounds" that you played to get your baby to sleep. Then somebody pointed out that, after nine months of nothing but womb sounds, the last thing a baby needs is more wheezing and slurping from internal organs.

I feel much the same way about going to a live event and then being invited to watch a television screen. The more electronic paraphernalia are used to "enhance" live performance, the more an audience starts thinking: "Well, I might as well have stayed in and watched the video."

I understand why the South Bank and the Met are investing millions in their electronic toys. It is because they are nervous about attracting audiences who are uninitiated in the strange rites of classical music. They are right to be nervous: music education is at its lowest ebb since 1945. No wonder that audiences are declining for piano recitals: few people know what a sonata is, let alone how to listen for themes, development, recapitulation. But flashing up giant pictures of a pianist's hands is a bit like sticking a piece of Elastoplast on a broken neck. The problem goes a bit deeper.

The South Bank and the Met would argue that it is not their responsibility to remedy their respective nations' educational deficiencies. That is true. But somebody must make a stand, and to expect politicians to speak out against the prevailing anti-intellectualism of the video age is pointless. After all, that same anti-intellectualism has largely reduced political thought itself to a succession of simplistic soundbites. As I said earlier, it is one more nail in the coffin of Western civilisation. Shall we watch it being hammered in now, or see the action replay?

Letting the chat out of the bag

Eddie Izzard
Shaftesbury

Eddie Izzard has acquired an imposing set en route from the Albery, where he played the *educated fool* last year, to the larger Shaftesbury, where his latest solo show is to be found. It is a towering white book, which fills the stage, then opens to reveal a blue throne and some white steps.

Half-tripping and half-trundling down them, comes the comedian himself in a unisex orange jacket and black clingfilm trousers. But don't be worried by this overblown tribute to his own conspicuous success. The same Izzard is to be found behind what my word-processor has just misspelt as his earnings, but actually meant to say his earrings.

He dawdles then sprints from topic to topic, often with hilarious effect. "Er-um, you know," he goes, and suddenly the subject shifts from the speech habits of mynah birds to the kind of backward-slanting walk people adopt when approaching cliffs to the curious way human figures gyrate when you press the pause button on your video. Then it's on to the deconstructionist quiz show he has invented for late-late television, "Whose Pig Is This?", in which contestants must claim porkers running amok in the studio.

Izzard has been compared to the kind of scatty chatterbox you sometimes find sitting next to you on the Tube. I would prefer to describe his act as Dada on the Clapham omnibus, for his forte is making the ordinary and banal seem weird, fractured, surreal. He likes talking about the oddity of thimbles, or the eccentricities of supermarkets, or the sinister atmosphere you find in petrol stations after midnight. Look behind you as you pay for your fuel, and there is a sad, bleating boy with his sad, bleating girlfriend, followed by a long line of murderers wanting new batteries for their video guns.

In the first half, Izzard variously invites us to consider the mice's reaction to Burns's claim that their best-laid plans "gang aft a-gley", and to acquire a good, aggressive technique for use on store-detectives. His second half has a bit more of a theme. The claim that a pet food called "Mr Dog" was renamed "Caesar" combines with memories of "*amo*" in the classroom to give the evening a classical slant. "Hello, is this Gaul?" ask very polite Romans as they tootle north from Italy. "Actually, guys, I'm thinking of changing my name," adds their leader, a Mr Dog.

And so to the problems of living above rainfall level in La Paz ("the best the clouds can do is spit up the mountains") and the chaos Pavlov caused when he tried his techniques on cats. You feel that anything may happen, and in fact anything does, for one of the buttons on Izzard's posh orange coat accidentally flew across the stage on opening night. And did he panic, did he ignore it? Not at all. He muttered something about one of his buttocks or nipples falling off, and went into a long, droll and clearly unrehearsed routine of sewing it back on with thread handed him from the stalls. He is a strange, flickering sort of star, but a star he is nonetheless.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE



Eddie Izzard: "His forte is making the ordinary seem weird, fractured, surreal"

Out of the charts and into delight

POP

Jimmy Somerville
Grand, SW11

"SORRY", Jimmy Somerville tells his fans, "but I can't do all of that song. I'm 34 years old now, and small-town I am not." Fair enough; artists must inevitably get tired of singing old favourites year in, year out. But it is hard to escape the fact that *Smalltown Boy*, a Top Three hit for his former band Bronski Beat in June 1984, is still the best original song — and one of the most keenly observed rites-of-passage pop lyrics ever written — that the falsetto Glaswegian has ever recorded.

So it was both a tease and a disappointment to be offered an elongated version of its wistful coda on Thursday night, at a performance coming early in a 12-date tour of Britain and Ireland.

Somerville's constituency has shrunk since the days when the Bronskis and his subsequent band the Communards regularly forced high-energy beats and gay political issues on to the Radio 1 playlist. From the more relaxed feel of a recent album, *Dare to Love*, that would seem partly to be a matter of choice — the singer obviously feels it is no longer seemly to guarantee a hit by raiding the back catalogue of yet another clubland diva, as he has done so often in the past.

The enjoyable new single *By Your Side* proves almost pedestrian when compared to his frantic cover of the Philly classic *Don't Leave Me This Way*, and may sell fewer copies as a result, but at least it marks a man determined to move forward with his music, even at a financial cost.

There are still moments of disco frenzy, of course, causing Somerville to unleash that inimitable dancing style — as if a boxer and a belly dancer are imprisoned together within the same tight T-shirt and pair of jeans, each struggling to establish sole tenancy.

The gay politics have not been forsaken either, although the title track of *Dare to Love*, a contribution to the Age Of Consent debate, is lyrically clumsy compared to the much-missed *Smalltown Boy*. Clinging couples of all persuasions seemed not to mind, though (there was more audience hand-holding here than in the whole of Wembley Arena when Chris de Burgh sings his awful *Lady in Red*) and perhaps the most important point is that little Jimmy himself looks totally and blissfully happy.

ALAN JACKSON

Glyndebourne on the road again

GLYNDEBOURNE Touring Opera has the knack from time to time of engaging just the right tenor for the job. Roberto Alagna made his first British appearance when *La traviata* was on the road. Francesco Piccoli, another debut here, is a near ideal Rodolfo in **La Bohème**. He is 36, but looks and sounds much younger. There is a fresh and easy flow to the voice. He does not go searching for notes; they just come naturally.

Piccoli was constantly attentive to his Mimi, even during *Che gelida manina*, when tenors worry more about their top C than getting the girl out to supper. And there was plenty of voice left at the close for the soft suggestion that Mimi should now tell *her* story. Piccoli knows how to sing Puccini.

OPERA

Anne Dawson was the Mimi when Aidan Lang's production was new in 1991. She is shy and timid at the start, with her considerable soprano held back until Mimi acquires a bit of Parisian *savoir faire*. The flowers she makes in her attic may never bloom, but Mimi certainly does. Susannah Glanville's Musetta is kept under equally tight control, calming down after her flamboyant arrival and a spirited Waltz Song to become everyone's most reliable chum.

Paul Whelan, up against a top-drawer Rodolfo, sang too loudly as Marcello. His fellow Bohemians were more moderate: Howard Quilla Croft as a boyish Schaunard and Henry Waddington's Colline shaping with affection the farewell to his beloved coat, as he folds it up neatly as a guardsman's bedroll.

Aidan Lang's production improves in the last act. Earlier it is hampered by Russell Craig's unatmospheric and clumsy sets. Louis Langrée began by conducting too exuberantly: *Bohème* has patches of thick scoring and it is easy to overwhelm the singers. But the musical rewards are generally much greater than in some *Bohèmes* recently seen in our larger houses.

Don Giovanni was rougher. This may accord with Deborah Warner's view of Giovanni as an urban thug. But her production, which stirred up a bit of anger when new, does not not improve with acquaintance and Hildegard Bechtler's set remains a model of unloveliness. Giovanni Furlanetto tears across the stage, stripped to his singlet, flick knife at the ready, eyes rolling like a Vincent Price ready to send another maiden to the stake.

The performance has depravity and energy in good measure, but it lacks the vocal finesse for Mozart. The serenade was sadly coarse. Michael John Pearson's Leporello was a calming influence until he ends the evening gibbering in front of the carved Madonna Giovanni was fondling earlier.

The surrounding performances are variable. Susan Gritton and Wyn Pencarreg are excellently matched as Zerlina and Masetto, she a local tease and he a belligerent skinhead. Plenty of vocal promise from both.

Alwyn Mellor's Mozart has been noted from Welsh National Opera and her Elvira is full of fire. A pity, perhaps, that she was not encouraged to have a go at Anna, who is weakly cast. The Ottavio, too, needs more maturity. John Tranter had plenty of that latter quality as Commendatore, all too fleshy and not striking much terror into anyone.

Marco Guidarini, the conductor, took a brisk view of matters.

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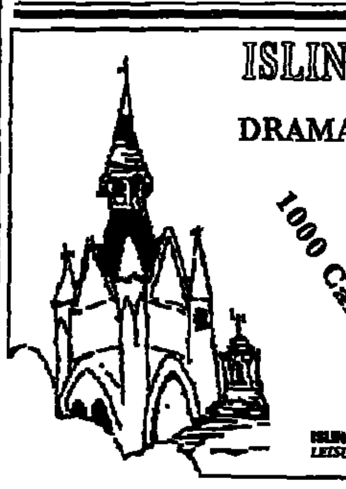
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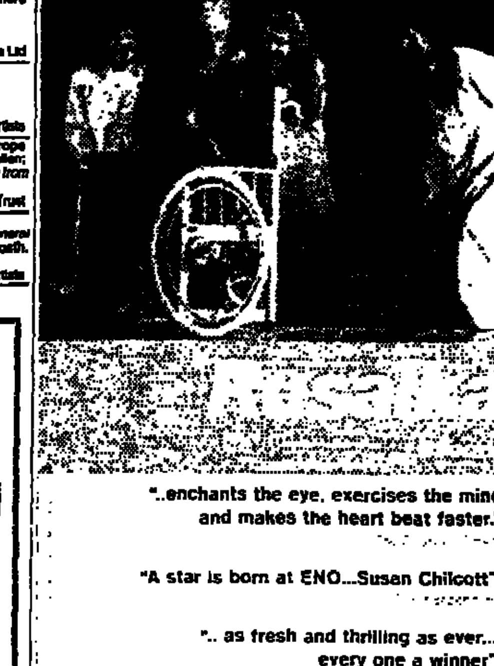
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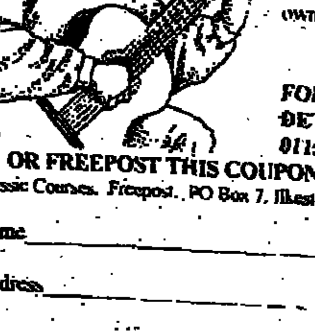
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A Bussell never out of fashion

Debra Craine meets Darcey Bussell, fashion model, Hollywood hopeful and full-time ballet star

When she burst on to the scene six years ago, courtesy of a starring role in Kenneth MacMillan's new ballet, Darcey Bussell was the fresh-faced ingenue who carried the future of British ballet in her glorious limbs. She probably did not know how much was expected of her then, but the years since will have given her a pretty good idea.

Her media coverage has been extraordinary. Fashion shoots, lifestyle features, television appearances, even Hollywood screen tests: all have been slotted into her bulging diary. Her portrait hangs in the National Portrait Gallery; she is an OBE. For the first time since Margot Fonteyn captured the public's imagination in the 1960s, a ballerina has crossed over into the mainstream consciousness.

Her supermodel height and slimline statistics have made Bussell the darling of fashion editors — she slips neatly into all those designer samples. She has brightened the pages of *Vogue* and *Vanity Fair*, been dressed by Bruce Oldfield and starred with French and Saunders. The film director Sydney Pollack was so impressed that he invited her to test for the Audrey Hepburn role in his remake of the 1954 film *Sabrina*.

In dance terms, what makes Bussell so special is the extraordinary physical dynamism that sets her apart from most other British dancers. She is incredibly strong; she feeds off a tremendous store of energy; and she trades on the exciting possibilities of her unusual height and her long, luxuriant legs. She is also possessed of a rare physical intelligence that powers her performances in a way no one else can match. Beautiful, bold, generous, voluptuous, driven — these are the adjectives of her dancing.

When you meet Bussell, though, it is hard to reconcile this hungry stage animal with the fact of her person. The 26-year-old still comes across as the archetypal girl-next-door; her conversation is sprinkled with juvenescent enthusiasms. And it is with a sunny normality that she lets you know why she courts celebrity.

"I don't want to be seen just as a dancer. I want to be seen socially as well," she says. "Going to the opening of a new club, clothes, fashion: it's all good fun. And it's nice to think that dancers are able to do this, that they don't have to be anorexic weirdos. It's also good to show the general public that ballet dancers, and dance itself, is exciting work; it's not just pretty girls in tutus.

"I did one fashion shoot where they had me in stiletto heels, tight plastic trousers, red ones, with this orange mohair jumper. It certainly wasn't the classical look of a ballet dancer. They even had me hanging up upside down."

> "It's nice that dancers don't have to be anorexic weirdos"

It's a far cry from Bussell's decorous predecessors, but she enjoys playing with her image. "Margot always had that glamorous image, wearing couture clothes and looking like a princess. Today I suppose we are more real. After all, choreographers are more daring; they are more ruthless in what they're portraying. It's not always so lovely any more. There is vulgarity on stage and it can be exciting if you see something very dramatic and rough or ugly against something beautiful."

She also enjoyed her brief flirtation with Hollywood, which brought the chance to share a screen test with Harrison Ford, who is starring in the *Sabrina* remake. "He hadn't read the script, and he sat down and started going through this couple of pages. Well, by this time I knew it perfectly, and because Harrison was quite slow I was waiting for every word he was going to say. And I kept saying 'It's not that bit' — I can be quite bossy. And I thought 'Darcey, what are you doing? You are telling Harrison Ford what comes next!'

"In the end Paramount needed a name and I was too much of a wild card. If something came up again I would definitely go for it. But I am solidly into my dancing and that's what I made myself good at and that's why people know me. It would be stupid to throw that away."

Happily, she is dancing with more confidence than ever, fully recovered from the ankle injury that kept her off stage for six months last year. Next Saturday she stars in the Royal Ballet's season-opener, *Swan Lake*, a work which shows how much she has matured as an artist.

"I learnt so much when I was injured. People said it must have been such a disadvantage, being off for that time and missing out on so much. But I think I gained in mind much more than I would have had I worked in that time. I gained ideas that wouldn't have come up in three years. I know it sounds naff, but I grew up, mentally. And in *Swan Lake* I don't know how conscious the change was; I just felt different in my body and how I was meant to treat it. And that affected the character.

"*Swan Lake* has changed so much for me, since doing it at 20. I thought then that it was so difficult and it seemed like your mind was filled with as much as it could be. And then a few years pass and you gain another amount that you didn't think you'd be able to fit in. Now I have a larger capacity to retain different thoughts and ideas."

The danger for Bussell now is that having achieved so much so quickly, there is nowhere for her to go. Most dancers never have a full-length ballet made for them: Bussell was still a teenager when MacMillan picked her for *The Prince of the Pagodas*. Since then, she's danced every major role in the Covent Garden repertoire.

"It's scary to think that I've done all the classics. It hasn't really sunk in. But I don't want to go on to new things straight away. There is still a lot more to find in the classics; I don't think I'll ever come to grips with them completely."

And, if she should get bored on this side of the Atlantic, there are her regular guest appearances with New York City Ballet to spice up her performance diet. "Peter Martins wants me to do more new ballets with them. But he knows I'm not going to join New York City Ballet, even though he'd like me to. There's so much here it would be silly to miss."

● Swan Lake *opens at Covent Garden (0171-304 4000) on Oct 21*

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Darcey Bussell: "I am solidly into my dancing: that's what I made myself good at"

GREAT BRITISH HOPES

Rising stars in the arts firmament

STEVE McQUEEN



Profession: Artist and film-maker

Age: 25

Who is he? A solid young man whose work deals with the timeless and nonetheless current subjects of sex and race in a sophisticated, timeless and nonetheless current manner.

Schooling? Having failed to organise an apprenticeship in electrical engineering, and despite the fact that he had obtained only one O level (in Art), McQueen somehow managed to persuade Drayton Manor High School to let him stay on to take A levels. Then came a foundation course at Chelsea School of Art. This was followed by a BA in Fine Art at Goldsmiths' College, which he left with a first-class degree awarded on the strength of his films.

And then? His brilliant degree was enough to secure him a three-year place at Martin Scorsese and Jim Jarmusch's renowned New York University Graduate Film School.

So if, as for his namesake, the glory of the cinema beckoned, why didn't he stay in New York to learn the trade? He just gave up. "I wasn't liked at NYU. The fact that I came from an art background made me different. You couldn't throw a camera up in the air and catch it: there was no experimentation."

What did he do instead? He came back to London and showed early this summer at the Institute of Contemporary Arts in the Mall a slow, sensual, black-and-white film installation in which two naked young men, viewed from extreme angles, go through a range of swaying, jiggling, sparring, and smiling motions.

What was experimental about that? Art and film are drawing ever closer. While some artists seem to be intent on making pretend feature films, McQueen prefers to make works of art that exploit the immediate physical experience and the lack of linear narrative that cinema-type floor-to-ceiling projection can provide. McQueen's methods are classically avant-garde.

What next? He is now represented by the Anthony Reynolds gallery in London. The Pompidou Centre in Paris wants to show the ICA piece at the end of this month as part of a show "to do with sex and the history of art". McQueen is currently struggling with a storyline for a piece which will aim to reflect the two-dimensional quality of the surface of the skin. The work will be included in *Spellbound*, a show of artworks made by film directors and films made by artists, at the Hayward Gallery in February 1996.

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BASE NOTES

THE next blockbuster from the team that brought us *Les Misérables* and *Miss Saigon* is on its way to London. **Cameron Mackintosh** has announced that his production of the new **Alain Boublil** and **Claude-Michael Schonberg** musical, *Martin Guerre*, will open at the Prince Edward Theatre on June 18 next year. The musical, to be directed by **Declan Donnellan**, is based on the true story from 16th-century France that inspired the 1981 French film, *The Return of Martin Guerre*, and the recent Hollywood remake *Sommersby*.

● THE multi-artist compilation album recorded in a day to benefit child victims of the conflict in Bosnia has already raised more than £2 million in Britain, says Go! Discs. Further royalties to benefit the charity War Child will come from sales of *Help* throughout Europe and Japan, and the LP will shortly be released in America. Meanwhile, a four-track *Help* EP, featuring **Radiohead's** critically acclaimed song *Lucky*, goes on sale next week.

● IT MAY seem that **Donal McCann** is an inseparable component of **Sebastian Barry's** Royal Court play *The Steward of Christendom*, but none other than **Peter O'Toole** is waiting in the wings to take over when McCann lays the role to rest. According to the playwright, O'Toole told McCann that: "I'd like to do this once you finish with it." Where would O'Toole take on the role of a Dublin metropolitan policeman? "It could be a West End thing," Barry says. "Or he might take whatever section of the world Donal hasn't wanted to touch. It will depend on what remains."

● HOLLYWOOD star **Tommy Lee Jones** looks set to make his feature film debut as a director. Jones is in discussion with 20th Century Fox to direct — and play a supporting role in — *3rd Down and Forever*, based on the life of the wayward American footballer **Joe Don Looney**. Like Looney, Jones hails from Texas and played football in college. But, if the deal goes ahead, Jones would portray Looney's father.

● THE gifted stage and film actor **Alfred Molina**, not seen on the London stage since the National Theatre production of *The Night of the Iguana* more than three years ago, is the latest British actor to be preparing for a New York theatre debut. Molina will join **Jason Robards** and **Catherine Byrne** in *Molly Sweeney*, when **Brian Friel's** acclaimed play opens at the Roundabout Theatre in January. Coincidentally, the Roundabout is doing *Iguana* in March, but without Molina, who will be otherwise employed.

ELECTION OF CHANCELLOR

As Sir Alexander Cairncross retires as Chancellor of the University on 1 February 1996, intimation is hereby made that the election of the successor to Sir Alexander Cairncross as Chancellor will be declared at the next half yearly meeting of the General Council on 27 January 1996.

Accordingly, nominations are invited for the office of Chancellor of the University with effect from 1 February 1996. A nomination requires to be made by a proposer and a seconder, both of whom are members of the General Council, on a Form which will be supplied by the Clerk to the General Council. In addition each nominated candidate requires to sign a Form of Consent which will also be supplied by the Clerk. Such Nomination and Consent Forms require to be lodged with the Clerk to the General Council by 12 noon on Friday 24 November 1995 at the undernoted address. In the event of there being more than one nomination for the office of Chancellor, a postal election will be conducted prior to the General Council meeting on 27 January 1996. If relevant, further intimation concerning this election will be made in due course.

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In Frankfurt, books about Fred West and Nick Leeson are being auctioned before they are completed, reports **Anne McElvoy**

Desperately seeking sensation

The publishers, agents and rights-hawkers stalking through the undergrowth of the Frankfurt Book Fair this week have a huntsman's fervour in their eyes.

Not for them the casual visitor's pastime of spotting the weirdest book on offer (purely personal nominations: *The Encyclopaedia of Unusual Sex Practices* and *Combining Buddhism With Work Performance in Today's Switzerland*). They are far too absorbed trying to divine which of the 327,466 works exhibited will be plucked to stardom as the Book of the Fair.

Last year it was *The Horse Whisperer*, a novel which propelled its author, Nicholas Evans, from his Stockwell study to international renown. This year, however, the two most talked-about books at the fair are the story of Fred and Rosemary West by two of their children, and Nick Leeson's memoirs, not yet written.

The first two parts of the West book, based on interviews conducted with Mae and Stephen West by two British journalists, have already been written. The third will be based on the trial. Leeson, youthful nemesis of Barings Bank, wants to write his own story, but not even the author can say with any certainty that he will able to do so since his fate is in the hands of a German appeal court and subject thereafter to either the mercies of British or Singaporean justice.

Leeson's agent is the energetic London-based Ed Victor, who has been bounding around the booths of Frankfurt auctioning the memoirs-to-be. The bidding is said to top £450,000 and Little Brown was last night reported to have pulled off the deal. Meanwhile, the alleged fraudster is awaiting a final extradition ruling in jail.

Competition is stiff among books chronicling the doings of anti-heroes. The popularity of memoirs of those accused, or even convicted of crimes and other misdemeanours, has grown apace in the last decade, to become one of the fastest expanding parts of the publishing industry.

After a lawyer, the second person anyone arrested on suspicion of partaking in a colourful or unusual bout of law-breaking is likely to see these days is a literary agent. This seems to be mainly an Anglo-American phenomenon. For accounts of wrong 'uns, ne'er-do-wells and downright villains, search out the English-language halls. Here Heinemann is selling the memoirs of Howard Marks, the Oxford graduate who has just been released after serving seven years of a 25-year prison sentence for drug dealing and money laundering. "Told with humour, charm and candour," bubbles the publicity. Thus another popular criminal — patron saints of the genre: Ronald Biggs and the Kray twins — is born.

This can, however, be difficult territory to chart, both morally and commercially. One country's figure of fascination and mystery is another's anathema. Markus Wolf, the East German spymaster, has long since sold world rights of his recollections to an American publisher. The book is still searching for a domestic German option after a division of the Bertelsmann concern abruptly withdrew its six-figure offer. The company board apparently had second thoughts about publishing the memoirs of a man who sowed discord within the Bonn Establishment for decades and brought down Chancellor Willy Brandt by placing a spy in his office.

I agreed to work on Wolf's memoirs, helping to shape the edition for non-German readerships, because I believe that the story of intelligence in the Cold War and the hidden intricacies of the East-West German relationship during that period cannot be fully understood without his testament — subjected, of course, to as much sceptical inquiry and cross-questioning as the publisher and I can muster between us.

But where do we, as readers, writers or members of the book industry draw the line? Memoirs are by their very nature part apologia. They demand that we enter the subject's world and try to understand his convictions and actions. We do not have to accept the conclusions drawn or the measures taken, but we are compelled to examine how they came about. Memoirs broaden the mind — or at least exercise it in a way which biography written by a third person does not.

Minds broaden and contract in accordance with the geographical and temporal proximity to controversial events. Thus Gerry Adams received a reverent welcome in Frankfurt as he promoted his memoirs to warm interest from foreign publishers who say that they consider his story as the moving tale of a man's decision to renounce violence and seek peace.

The British, however, are still nervous about the project. As the head of a major London house said: "We're not ready for his story yet. But that can change very fast. Yassir Arafat was considered beyond the pale for years. Now everyone is chasing him."

The Mephistophelean question with which publishers and agents are now struggling is what they would do if, as everyone expects, O.J. Simpson's autobiography is offered for sale. In the States he is currently considered untouchable by most respectable publishing firms, despite the not guilty verdict.

The logic of this position is that a valuable memoir, while rarely free of lies, fudges or omissions, should reveal an essential truth about the subject's life. Few people expect that O.J. could risk such frankness.

That did not stop one British agent musing: "It would be such a massively lucrative contract that I would be irresponsible to my business if I didn't do it." Guess which view will win out in the end.

The power of the vernacular

Why we need to do more to foster the gift of the gab

Simon Jenkins

Gillian Shephard wants us to talk better. She says we are a nation of grunters. She will spread the glory of Standard English and is offering nothing less than a government committee and money to the cause.

Oblivious of irony, she delivered her homily at that festival of linguistic abuse, the Conservative Party conference. Dickens's master cutler of the vernacular, Sam Weller, would have shed a tear and cried: "That pot's blacker'n a Puritan's hat at midnight, an' in no perrsition to insult an 'onest kettle." Mrs Shephard, he would declare, "has the gift o' the gab wey gallopin".

All enthusiasts for English must give an obligatory cheer. But I fear an obsession with marginalia is a sign of a crumbling regime. Mussolini ordered that every Italian child's name end in a vowel. Sukarno fixed women's skirt lengths. Lee Kuan Yew banned chewing gum. Mitterrand tried to save the circumflex and outlaw Americanism. As John Major watches his supporters depart the field, he is calling them back with a crusade against dropped aitches.

A quarter of a million pounds is to go on sharpening consonants. Mrs Shephard has dared anyone to ridicule this by appointing a former Trinidadian, ITN's Trevor McDonald, to head the campaign. The admirable Mr McDonald needs no protection from Mrs Shephard's political correctness, but what would critics have made of this impeccable practitioner of "BBC" English were he white?.

There is in this policy an intriguing confusion of goals: between encouraging verbal fluency among the young and propagating Standard English as the approved national voice. I am all for reviving the medieval *trivium* of the liberal arts of grammar, dialect and rhetoric. The decline, indeed collapse, in the art of rhetoric now pollutes public life. An ability to speak so as to be heard and enjoyed survives almost solely in the mouths of actors and comedians.

I have attended conferences galore. I have witnessed launches, presentations, seminars, lectures, lunches, dinners without number. Almost every one is blighted by a dreadful speech (sometimes, I fear, by myself). Here is a truly dying art. Small wonder the smartest presentations now use a video with an Autocue, at whatever price. Yet we still expect someone who would not dream of singing in public, or playing a violin, or cooking a soufflé, to stand up and imitate a Cicero or a Gielgud.

Ask of the organiser of an event if the room will be warm, the food good, the company joyful and you will be assured that no effort has been spared. Ask if the speaker will make you laugh, cry, or want to shake him by the hand, and you will be told that is pot luck.

The most extravagant wedding can be wrecked by embarrassing, ill-prepared speeches. If they cannot be enjoyed, they must be endured. Nowadays there is no such thing as a too-short speech. If this is what Mrs Shephard means to rectify, I am with her. Verbal fluency, the presentation of ideas and arguments in public, is not just for speech-makers. Everybody needs it, in interview or meeting, in encountering strangers or leading groups in conflict.

Samuel Butler derided the study of rhetoric as teaching an orator "nothing but to name his tools". But at least he was taught the tools. Who now in school or university is instructed in the simplest skills of rhetoric, the use of anecdote, wit, dialect, word length, eye contact, rhythm, above all timing?

Spoken language should delight an audience, not punish it. The Victorian facility of speaking English of perfect cadence — like the ability to write grammatical letters — seems as lost today as the fashioning of a Puginian arch or a Tennysonian stanza. The Prince of Wales may found an institute for the revival of classical architecture. There is no institute for the revival of classical rhetoric.

I sense that Mr McDonald will not find one. What he and Mrs Shephard mean to do is further detail the nationalised curriculum by demanding 20 per cent of GCSE English be separately tested by oral examination. This looks ominously like our old bugbear, Standard English. We are back in dropped aitches territory.



Sam Weller and the *Pickwick Papers* — would he pass Mrs Shephard's Standard English test today?

This week we heard of the nation's favourite poem, *If*. Kipling's rewrite of Polonius's far snappier advice to a young man. But Kipling would get short shrift from Mrs Shephard and Mr McDonald. He appreciated, and turned into poetry, the subtlest inflections of English accent and dialect. He found metre in bad grammar and could make cockney sing.

Kipling glorified the language of the slum and the barrack room. What would the new inspectorate of Standard English make of Mandalay? "An' I seed her first a-smoking' of a whackin' white cheroot./An' a-wastin' Christian kisses on an 'eathen idol's foot:/Blooming' idol made o'mud/ Wot they called the Great Gawd Budd/ Plucky lot she cared for idols when I kissed 'er where she stud."

Like Kipling, Dickens too found power in the vernacular. "That 'ere young lady," said our friend Mr Weller, "She knows wot's wot, she does." Such language is clear, potent, untranslatable, and precious.

We ridicule the French for the linguistic policemen of their Academy, we glory in tolerating the variety of English, its patois and its pidgins, and the vitality of its regional accents. Mrs Shephard apparently feels that having just 10 per cent of children leaving school with Standard English is insulting our national culture and impeding their employability. I do not believe either thesis.

Listening to the speeches at the party conferences, I notice that the British voice is being channelled into just two versions: the public school plumminess of a Patrick Mayhew or the London drone of a John Major. Disappearing are the Welsh and Highland lilts, the West Country burrs, the windswept vowels of the Pennines or the twang of the Midlands. Equally endangered by standardisation are "improper" constructions: the cockney double-negative of "I ain't going nowhere", Celtic grammars such as "Is it well that you are?" or the archaic delights of Scots English, "And gie's a hand o'thine."

Of course Mrs Shephard says that she does not mean to "stamp out playground slang or regional accents". Standardisers always say that; it is in the Whitehall brief. But if Britons brought up in non-standard traditions wish to talk like educated southerners, they are free to do so and teachers are free to teach them. The television news is at their service. My horror is of a thousand Henry Higginses pouring out of Whitehall, under the banner of the compulsory nationalised curriculum, to get every schoolchild incanting in unison "The rain in Spain falls mainly on the plain..."

The accents of provincial (and metropolitan) Britain are indivisible from their grammars and dialects. A child can be as fluent, as entertaining, as communicative, in non-standard English as was Sam Weller. Seeking to protect them is not some capitulation to theme-park Britain. These voices are not the verbal equivalent of thatched roofs, shire horses and black pudding. They are a distinctive form of speech, which we should be able to switch into and out of as we might a foreign language. But they are dying. They need the same respect as dying tongues. They do not need another regiment in the burgeoning army of policemen, inspectors, monitors and meddlers.

Mrs Shephard should teach rhetoric by all means, but save us from Standard English. Leave the languages of Britain to the likes of the improper Mr Burns:

Some rhyme a neebor's name to lash;
Some rhyme (vain thought) for needfu' cash
Some rhyme to court the country clash
An' raise a din.
For me, an aim I never fash,
I rhyme for fun.

Jonathan Clark asks who will capture the Tory party's soul

Peterhouse v All Souls

Significantly, the two leading contenders for the Tory party's soul are identified with sharply defined intellectual schools. Both were trained as historians in colleges that had a unique exposure to public affairs, generally resisted or denounced elsewhere in academe: John Redwood at Keith Joseph's All Souls; Michael Portillo at Maurice Cowling's Peterhouse.

"Compare and contrast", the history examination will ask a century hence. Seldom are the alternatives so well articulated: Tony Blair and John Prescott, Bob Dole and Newt Gingrich are merely themselves, but behind Portillo and Redwood stand intellectual traditions that can determine how their party sees itself.

Before the Conservatives' recent divisions came a breakdown of their ability to define and interpret their recent past. Thatcherism was a movement dependent on a historical view of modern British society.

Since Margaret Thatcher's fall, the party has been acting out conflicting interpretations of its Ides of March. Was her deposition a renunciation of all that she stood for? Or just a transfer of the enterprise to others?

What response will win future success? The most interesting answers can be traced back to mindsets which had their origin at All Souls and Peterhouse. These were very different training grounds in almost every way: one high-minded, the other deliberately low-minded; one part of the Establishment, the other a scholarly guerrilla movement against progressive academe.

Both produced Conservative thinkers and politicians in the 1970s. All Souls was home to Robert Jackson, William Waldegrave and John Redwood; Peterhouse to Roger Scruton and Michael Portillo. The Peterhouse mindset explained why policy is subservient to politics. Sir Herbert Butterfield had pioneered a programme to move professional scholarship away from the old Whiggish certainties. Butterfield handed on the baton to Maurice Cowling, who dominated Peterhouse's history in the late 1960s and 1970s and who taught Portillo.

The All Souls vision stemmed from an intellectual environment in which young prize Fellows were empowered to think the unthinkable. There was a high-mindedness about All Souls attitudes which was lacking at Peterhouse. There was also an intellectual interest in policy which Keith Joseph's critics called otherworldly.

William Waldegrave, as a young prize Fellow, published in 1978 a programmatic book, *The Binding Of Leviathan*, in which he claimed that "the Conservative tradition still exists" and tried to spell it out in terms of public policy responses. He also acknowledged the "underlying ideas" which had brought people "into public life and maintained them in it when the first spurious glamour of public recognition has long since lost its interest".

It was also an ecumenical vision: the Conservative Party was "the main guardian" of conservatism, but "cannot claim to monopolise the support of conservatives".

With John Redwood, the public service ethic acquired just such an overarching content. Redwood's academic career had already produced two impressive books, *Reason, Ridicule and Religion*, and *European Science in the 17th Century*. Once in politics, he mapped out the future with surprising accuracy in volumes such as *Public Enterprise in Crisis* (1980), *Going For Broke* (1984), *Popular Capitalism* (1988) and *The Global Marketplace* (1993).

Michael Portillo, meanwhile, published only a scattering of pamphlets, often the texts of speeches. Why give hostages to fortune?

Modern democratic politics is normally assumed to be an uncongenial environment for the intellectual. The last Prime Minister from All Souls, the 3rd Marquess of Salisbury, left office in 1902. Perhaps significantly, Fellows who subsequently came close to that office, Halifax and Joseph, stood aside in favour of more populist candidates, Churchill and Thatcher.

Who becomes Prime Minister in 2002 is one question; who explains what that victory means may be quite another.

● The author is a Fellow of All Souls

Brassed off

BATTLE LINES have been drawn at the Cavalry and Guards Club in Piccadilly because the club's executive committee has just awarded honorary membership to Field Marshal Sir Peter Inge, the Chief of Defence Staff. Bewhiskered troopers are appalled, saying it is "beyond a joke" to honour a man who has presided over cuts that have traumatised their regiments.

The kernel of unrest stems from the Cavalry Colonels' Committee, a gathering of club members and other cavalrymen which meets twice a year. It has fired off a salvo to the club chairman to complain. "The bloody man has done more to damage the cavalry than the Russian guns at Balaclava," thunders one old buffer. "Inge led an assault which resulted in the abolition of the treasured regimental bands. It's disgraceful."

A spokesman for the club stands his ground. "I am very surprised at this reaction. Sir Peter Inge is a particular friend of many of our members and is very well respected. The committee of the club endorsed the chairman's decision. He is coming to speak to members in the near future." He would be advised to bring an armed guard.



"It's more realistic — go to jail twice and you never get out"

DIARY

● *A Freudian typing error slipped into a press release handed out yesterday by Labour's Jack Straw at the Conservative Party conference. "The way forward," it read, "is Tory Blair."*

Adoring

PRINCESS Dora Loewenstein, the daughter of the Rolling Stones' business manager Prince Rupert Loewenstein, has been hiding her literary light under a bushel all these years. She is about to embark on a sure-fire bestseller: the first official biography of the Stones.

The book will be published in 1997 but it has been the talk of the Frankfurt Book Fair this week. Mal Peachey of Virgin Publishing, which won the battle to sign the book, says Dora has been given exclusive access to the band's archives and that Jagger has promised to pose for photo sessions wearing all the tour costumes he can still fit into.

"All the Stones have known Dora since she was a child, which is great," says Peachey. "It will all be in there."

● *Concentration on the platform faltered briefly during John Major's speech at Blackpool yesterday. A note was passed surreptitiously to Brian Mawhinney at 11.05am revealing that the Prime Minister had failed, against expectations, to win the 1995 Nobel Peace Prize. As Michael Heseltine tried to peer over his shoulder at the note, the party chairman handed it to Norma. She merely smiled.*

Seeing red

THE HIGH-LIVING Socialist Derek Hatton has taken offence at the suggestion in an Oxford Union Society advertisement announcing that he is to speak at the university. Degsy was due to speak on Tuesday, billed as a "controversial Liverpudlian Councillor and Militant Leader... decidely not new Labour. Degsy speaks out, and will take your questions."

Not any more. He has pulled out and refuses to take any questions. "I have had a blazing row with them because it is totally wrong," he says. "They call me a councillor. I haven't been one since 1987. They call me a Militant leader. I haven't been since 1986. They've no right to say I'm not new Labour. I may or may not be." Matt Guy, president of the Oxford Union, is sanguine: "We are very disappointed but hope he will come again."

Small talk

SPOTTED lunching yesterday at Monte's, the fancy new Knightsbridge club for movers and sheikhs, was the suave former King Constantine of Greece and the dishy Prince Ernst of Hanover.

Lashings of ginger beer appeared to lead to a silly game of mobile phone-juggling involving laughter and a great deal of convivial conversation. A right royal life they lead.

Boning up

CATHERINE McCORMACK, the 23-year-old convent girl from Hampshire who plays Mel Gibson's wife in the Scottish epic *Braveheart*, is researching her next role — in the dinosaur hall at the Natural History Museum. She is to play a palaeontologist in a film which will start shooting later this month and has been mugging up on dinosaurs.



Cathy McCormack: big chill

Catherine has yet to recover from being so rudely dispatched in *Braveheart* — she has her throat slit — and the memory of the chilly weather in Scotland and Ireland where it was filmed still lingers. "I seem to specialise in filming in very cold places," she shivers. "I have also filmed in Norway and the new film is in Canada. I will be taking my woollies."

● *Radio 3 listeners, outraged over what they believe to be creeping commercialisation of their station, had their fears confirmed the other night. After introducing the love duet from* Madame Butterfly *the new compère of the early evening* In Tune *programme declared: "This is Guy Wolfenden on Classic FM." When the piece finished he added sheepishly: "I must remind you, and me, that this is BBC Radio 3."*

Hair apparent

A READER was taken aback the other day on his hols in Finland when he spotted Michael Portillo beaming down from billboards in the town of Turku. Had the Minister of Defence found alternative employment after the lacklustre reception of his extraordinary speech to the Conservative Party conference?



Portillo's dandruff cure?

The model in the poster wears spectacles — but Portillo could easily have slipped on a pair. And his hair, though better controlled than the Defence Minister's, has the hint of a quiff. The Finnish Embassy in London insists, however, that the poster bears the face of a Finn. And a spokesman translated the slogan: "Dandruff? Buy Lääkekuuri from your chemist."

P·H·S

WISDOM AND KINDNESS

Major addresses two audiences — in Blackpool and beyond

Carefully, skilfully, and with only the barest admissions of weakness, the Prime Minister draped his personal standard over the Conservative Party yesterday. Recalling that he had given his MPs every opportunity to unseat him this summer, he set out to show that the victor in that leadership contest not only retained the spoils of office for himself but could regain the spoils of government for the army behind his banner too.

His motto was a modest one: "a wise and kindly way of life". Major did not pretend to the visionary arts that he does not possess. He instead pricked at the pretensions to vision held by his principal opponent. Most Tories have shied from direct personal attacks on Tony Blair, preferring to target the old Labour Party behind the new Labour leader. But in the Prime Minister's speech yesterday, Mr Blair was a privileged socialist public school boy who would use socialism to deprive others of privilege; he was a trivial opportunist whose chief memory of VJ-Day were the anti-Tory cries that came to him from the crowd; and as for his much-vaunted philosophy, it was self-deceiving double-think that ill constrasted with the Tory virtues of Mr Major's father, the ornament-maker whose boots the knockers and sneerers were not even fit to wipe.

Many in the Blackpool audience were visibly moved by this. The speech did not fire them with the fervour of Tory progress. But it did fill them with a sense of their leader's decency, modesty and his experience of the harsh real world that they could contrast with Mr Blair's north London life in Islington and at the Bar.

But, as representatives left for home, the substantial electoral question remained: "After four terms, why a fifth?" That was the specific challenge that Mr Major posed and set out to meet. It is a question that many wavering Tories ponder. They are searching for a good reason not to vote Labour at the next election: so far they have not heard it.

The Prime Minister was cursed by the need to address two quite different audiences yesterday. The men and women in the Winter Gardens wanted their confidence restored and their spirits lifted. They did not want to be reminded of the dire state of their party — in the polls, in the ballot boxes and in public esteem. Outside, however, are voters who seek evidence that the Prime Minister has some understanding of their anxieties. His did not sound like the speech of a leader whose party is still 25 points behind. There was nothing about job insecurity, no recognition of the squeeze on personal incomes of those in work, no apology for broken promises on tax.

This conference was flat in spirit. Representatives were freer than before from anxiety about their leaders' squabbling. But they were no less beleaguered. They were happy to take inspiration wherever they found it — whether from a polemically Eurosceptical Michael Portillo or a One Nation Michael Heseltine. What they wanted from Mr Major was a sense of direction for the whole party and a lesson in how to deal with the threat from Labour. What they were offered was a good sense of their leader, One Nation Toryism at home and Euro-scepticism abroad.

The substance of the Tory attack now must be to adopt policies that Labour cannot match. Whether it is doubling the assisted places scheme, increasing sentences for criminals or holding out against European federalism, the political battle over the next 18 months will be to ensure that the Conservatives have defined enough positions that contrast with Labour's.

Will that be enough to deliver the fifth term that Mr Major seeks? On the evidence of the past two weeks, the Tories are the old party and Labour the young. Mr Blair will harness the energy of his own youth and of his activists to revive Britain as a "young" country again. To counter this, Mr Major will need more momentum than that which comes from wisdom and kindness.

HOT IN PARIS

A steamy prelude to a winter of discontent

However exhausted Tory ministers may be after Blackpool, they cannot have as much need of *le weekend* as Alain Juppé. The French Prime Minister has had an appalling week. Only the weather has smiled — and that brought out the workers in the biggest public sector strike in a decade. A fresh assault on the franc has driven up interest rates and new statistics show a sharp drop in growth and investment.

On a more personal note, M Juppé spent half the week wondering whether he would be forced to resign. In the event, he escaped legal proceedings for improperly securing artificially low rents for the apartments which he and his son lease from the City of Paris. But it was a narrow escape. In return for a promise by M Juppé to move house, the public prosecutor decided instead to close the affair with a judicial reprimand. The affair has wounded M Juppé politically just as his popularity is melting.

To cap it all, it appears that M Juppé may not long be able to count on the full support of the President. In a "private" meeting with journalists this week, Jacques Chirac not only demanded clearer signs from M Juppé that his Government is serious about fiscal austerity. He pointedly observed that "no one can govern for long in opposition to the money markets, trade unions and employers, not to mention judges".

The President's hint at a link between M Juppé's lack of reforming dynamism and the scandal over his apartment is particularly wounding because it goes to the nub of what the French object to in the Establishment, of which M Juppé is so consummately a product. The affair opens another small window on an insider's world of power, in which unacknowledged perks of high office are so widely taken for granted that M Juppé may genuinely have seen nothing untoward about privileged access to housing.

The much wider question this embarrassing business therefore raises is whether M Juppé is the man to take a broom to the cosy networks that M Chirac vowed, in his campaign for the presidency, to dismantle. These include the public sector unions who took to the streets this week. For all their complaints, they have in fact seen their pay rise far faster than that of the private sector since 1990. Their membership is so numerous because nearly a quarter of French workers are employed by the State.

The evidence so far is that M Juppé is incapable of radicalism. His budget evaded hard decisions about public spending, relying instead on increased taxation. His approach to France's high unemployment is more subsidy, rather than deregulation. When Alain Madelin, his first choice as finance minister, insisted on putting the public finances on a sustainable footing, M Juppé swapped him for Jean Arthuis, a self-effacing bureaucrat. Now even M Arthuis is turning critic. In five short months, the Government has lost much of its credibility.

M Juppé's reaction to this sea of troubles will reassure neither voters nor the financial markets. He was foolish to borrow old Socialist habits and blame speculators for the franc's troubles. He made a laughing-stock of himself when officials were instructed by the Matignon to cancel their subscriptions to *Le Canard Enchaîné*, the satirical French magazine which broke the story about his apartment. But if M Juppé flounders, M Chirac will not escape blame. Too little has been heard from the Elysée. M Chirac may well be tempted to have another of those "private" conversations: this time, with the truly radical M Madelin.

HYMNS BRIGHT AND DUTIFUL

This English song form needs to be ancient as well as modern

A hymn of thanks for microchips, for oven chips, computer chips may sound self-consciously modernist. And the new Mothering Sunday hymn, *God, you hold me like a mother*, bends over backwards to flaunt its feminist credentials. These are two of 83 new hymns for children under eight years old, published today by the Methodist Church after the report of a working party from the Council of Churches.

Britain's latest hymnbook could excite horror or derision. But hymns have always been tribal incantations on the fault line between mumbo-jumbo and poetry. Nobody in the Holy Land has ever been unduly bothered by snow on snow in the bleak mid-winter. And bad boys have always had the shepherds washing their socks rather than watching their flocks by night.

In the golden age of hymnology, John Wesley was moved to write 6,000 hymns in protest against "the scandalous doggerel" that had gone before. But even some of those new Methodist hymns with their repetitions sound ludicrous today, as in "He's our best bul-, He's our best bul-, He's our best bulwark still", or "And catch the flee-, And catch the fleeting hour".

Hymns are a tug-of-war between ancient and modern. Older members of a congregation cling to familiar hymns, which to their juniors are not a spiritual consolation but a soporific. Just as harvest festivals today display tins of baked beans instead of stooks, which are alien to the modern corn, few today plough the fields and scatter the good seed on the land. It is all done by juggernaut tractor with computer and 32 drills at a time.

Modern children, who would not know one end of a lamb from the other, can almost all identify with *Riding in a car on the motorway*. Today's most popular hymns were considered vulgar when they were introduced. This was because they were not in Latin, like the triumphant *Vexilla regis* by Fortunatus from the dawn of Christianity.

Yet such hymns as *Awake, my soul, Rock of Ages, Hark! the herald angels sing*, and *When I survey the wondrous Cross* have become national spells. They are populist poetry and music. Each generation has to write its hymns to reinterpret the old stories, as well as preserving the comfortable old ones.

Hymn-singing is a peculiarly English activity, as descanted by congregations and choral societies across the land. Such new hymns as *Here's a party/ Let us share/ Bread and wine/ With Jesus here* may become favourite items in the national hymnbook for future generations. But in case they have a short pew-life, it is just as well that these new hymns supplement but do not completely replace such old favourites as *Abide with me* and *O God, our help*.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Home Secretary's plans for a tougher fight on crime

From the Director of the Prison Reform Trust

Sir, You say (leading article, October 13) it is "self-evident that public confidence in sentencing policy has been eroded ...". It is far from self-evident that Mr Howard's plans will restore that confidence.

Mandatory penalties offend against fundamental principles of justice. An increased prison population will do little or nothing to reduce crime. And unless there is a massive increase in resources, chaos theatens the Prison Service.

What a pity Mr Howard does not dust off the speeches of his distinguished predecessor, Douglas Hurd, and educate the public on the limitations of criminal justice as an instrument of crime control. Indeed, it is sad that the announcement of a new Crime Prevention Agency, which seems intended to disseminate best practice and coordinate the work of different institutions, was given such a small part in Mr Howard's address.

If we spent on prevention even a fraction of the time and money devoted to punishment we might really begin to build a safer, less crime-prone society.

Yours faithfully,
STEPHEN SHAW,
Director,
Prison Reform Trust,
The Old Trading House,
15 Northburgh Street, EC1.
October 13.

From Dr Anne Forrester

Sir, Why is the Lord Chief Justice so worked up by the proposal to specify minimum sentences for certain crimes (report, October 13)? The judiciary is already similarly limited by specified maximum sentences.

Despite complaints that prison neither deters nor reforms the criminal, in the case of violent crime and repeated offences most people would regard protecting themselves and their families and property by locking up the villains as being more important.

Perhaps the Home Secretary should have promised that persistent juvenile offenders who are clearly out of parental control will also be kept in secure units where they can no longer cock a snook at police, the courts and the public.

Yours faithfully,
ANNE FORRESTER,
As from: 946 Dogwood Court,
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October 13.

From His Honour Judge Barrington Black

Sir, I have dealt with the dishonest for 40 years but could not believe my eyes when this afternoon I saw on television an ecstatic audience jump for joy when Mr Michael Howard announced "automatic remission outrages the victim", spoke with disdain of a "sentence of two years meaning out in one", and proposed that a previous conviction would influence a subsequent sentence.

Did Mr Howard not recall that automatic remission and disregard of previous convictions formed the main plank of his Government's Criminal Justice Act of 1991?

Yours faithfully,
BARRINGTON BLACK,
The Crown Court,
Harrow, Middlesex.
October 12.

From the Chair of the Penal Affairs Consortium

Sir, A wealth of evidence supports the Lord Chief Justice's view that the Home Secretary's new sentencing proposals will not deter crime.

However, less attention has been paid to the potential increase in crime and its ill effects which Mr Howard's measures could produce. They would seem to abolish parole as we know it: yet Home Office research has shown that the parole system produces markedly lower reconviction rates than would otherwise have been expected from parolees' records and characteristics.

These proposals would also almost certainly increase violent criminal acts within prisons by virtually eliminating the most powerful incentive to good behaviour: possible early release.

Yours faithfully,
PAUL CAVADINO,
Chair,
Penal Affairs Consortium,
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October 13.

From Mr Stephen Zollner

Sir, The trouble with a policy of "x strikes and you're out", as experience in the United States seems to show, is that it discourages pleas of guilty.

This is particularly worrying in relation to sexual offences, where much distress can be caused to victims giving evidence.

Yours faithfully,
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October 12.

Cost of courtesy in computers

From Dr Michael H. Kay

Sir, David Walton's theory (letter, October 10) that computer systems only allow two initials because of the cost of storage simply doesn't hold water. The extra disk space for a third initial would cost less than £1 per million names.

The real reason is that the programmers who wrote these systems were too busy worrying about something else. Compared with the pressure to get the system working on time, the question of how many initials to provide would be seen as a cosmetic luxury.

Handling of personal names is actually remarkably difficult. It's not only people with three initials whom programmers have to worry about. They have to think about aristocratic clients such as Sir John and Lady Bull, the Duke of Eton, and of course Viscount de Sade of that Ilk and his daughter Fiona.

They also have to consider the *nouveaux riches*, such as Sting, Cher and William Gates III. ("Dear Mr III, there has never been a better time to take out a loan ...") So it's hardly surprising that programmers in a hurry take a few short cuts.

The great hope is that one enterprising supplier will devise the ultimate name-handling routine, and the rest of the world will stop reinventing the wheel. This requires a new approach to building software systems from off-the-shelf components, which is only just starting to become accepted practice.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL H. KAY,
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Caversham Heights,
Reading, Berkshire.
October 11.

From Professor Harold Thimbleby

Sir, Mr David Walton claims that the mishandling by computers of people's initials is a matter of "pure economics". If so, then it proves what low regard is paid to common courtesy.

I find it hard to see how to do worse than 50,000 initials per penny, even by being imaginatively naive. What economics puts that sort of cost per person above customer relations? Further, by acknowledging that people's names and initials are of various lengths (consider: Th. Clausen, J.-L. de la Grange, or my daughter's name. J. C. M. Thimbleby) actual savings are possible; so even the basis of costing initials is exposed as simplistic. There are further techniques, such as compression, which not only save space and money but can also make the computers run faster.

Economics, then, is not the issue, unless by that one means the savings of employing cheap programmers who are technically ignorant or who care little for the human impact of their work.

I recommend that anyone mistreated by a computer should complain, and make the point in their complaint that the issue has nothing to do with the computer itself (nor its economics) but everything to do with bad planning in the organisation using it.

Yours sincerely,
HAROLD THIMBLEBY
(Professor of Computing Research),
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October 10.

From Mr Robert N. Hector

Sir, Mr Walton is talking about the past. In today's personal computer networks, disk storage costs about £250 for more than 1,000 million characters, or enough to store all the initials of the UK population several times over.

Years ago, when computers were very expensive, someone, probably using US data, decided how big our names were allowed to be. They did the same with addresses, which is why so many computers do not have enough address space. Fortunately the philosophy of providing what the user actually needs is beginning to catch on; and the companies which for years imposed their inadequate systems on us are in decline.

I look forward to the time when my wife (Mrs Cornelius) and I are no longer addressed as Mr Hector and Mrs Corn. We are certainly not going to shorten our names.

Yours truly,
ROBERT HECTOR,
The Old Vicarage,
Burbage, Marlborough, Wiltshire.
October 10.

From Mr J. D. Harkness

Sir, Mr Walton leads one to agonise whether the computer serves mankind, or the reverse.

Yours faithfully,
J. D. HARKNESS,
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October 10.

Clamping tax evaders

From Mr Gareth Boote

Sir, During my police service I encountered a variety of reasons for the failure to display a tax disc ("Car tax dodgers will be clamped", October 12).

The majority were cases of evasion. There were three significant minority categories: firstly, the disc had simply fallen from the windscreen; secondly, the disc had been stolen and the owner was awaiting a duplicate; thirdly, an impecunious motorist had failed to display the disc for 24 or 48 hours pending the clearance of a salary cheque. In the last three instances prosecution could be dispensed with by inquiries either at the scene or subsequently.

Does the Transport Secretary propose to incorporate any safeguards in his clamping scheme, or will a minority of decent folk be held to ransom by private operators on performance-related pay?

Yours faithfully,
GARETH BOOTE,
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October 12.

Freud and science

From Mr Richard Webster

Sir, Nigella Lawson's main complaint about my book, *Why Freud was Wrong: Sin, Science and Psychoanalysis* (review, October 5), is that I criticise psychoanalysis for being a false science. In her view this misses the point since "psychoanalysis is not a science at all".

She goes on to write that the "notion of psychoanalysis as a scientific set of beliefs owes most to anti-Semitism: it was after all derided as 'the Jewish science' ". These words might be taken to imply that I have uncritically accepted an anti-Semitic caricature of psychoanalysis.

But while it is true that Freud's ideas were denigrated for being "Jewish", the idea that anti-Semitism is largely responsible for the image of psychoanalysis as a science is fiction. As Lawson admits, it was Freud himself who claimed the title of scientist. Moreover it was he who wrote that psychoanalysis "has put us in a position to establish psychology on foundations similar to those of any other science, such, for instance, as physics".

It is Freud's scientism that I criticise and it seems to me that Nigella Lawson has turned this part of my argument upside down.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD WEBSTER,
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South Green,
Southwold, Suffolk.
October 8.

Pleasure in 'Pride'

From Miss Alison M. Curry

Sir, I totally agree with Susan Elkin ("Prejudiced against TV", Education, October 6; letters, October 10, 12) in that there can be no substitute for Jane Austen's novels. It was Austen who created the characters; only she has the power and authority to tell us exactly what they thought, said and did. No dramatist has the right to alter this.

However, an adaptation such as the BBC's is, for some of my fellow pupils at school who do not know her writings, an invaluable visual recreation of Jane Austen's England, with its society and manners so different from those of today.

A television adaptation also provides stimulation to read the dramatised work. Our sixth-form common room has recently resounded with debates on Jane Austen — a subject which, but for the television series, would have been consigned to the English literature class.

Yours faithfully,
ALISON M. CURRY,
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Clumber Street,
Elswick, Newcastle upon Tyne.
October 12.

From Ms Cary Bazalgette

Sir, The teaching pack, *Screening Middlemarch*, which Susan Elkin appeared to deplore in her article, was published last year jointly by the BBC and the British Film Institute. It was devised and written by BFI staff precisely to combat the kind of unthinking transference of novel to film of which she complains.

The pack offers challenging classroom activities which help teachers and students to distinguish between the characteristics of verbal and audio-visual language and to enhance their critical perceptions of both.

It has been praised by, amongst others, the novelist and English professor, David Lodge, as an invaluable teaching resource on film adaptations of literature.

Yours faithfully,
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Patriotism and our place in Europe

From Dr A. D. Farr

Sir, Several true-blue Tories have used your columns (October 12, 13) to slate Michael Portillo's anti-Brussels speech. I agree with him. I believe that he said publicly about Europe what many voters have long been saying privately.

If political union in Europe is really such a good thing why is it that our leading political parties refuse to ask whether the people agree? With all the parties adopting a pro-European Union stance anyone who is pro-Common Market (which is what we were "sold" in the first place) but anti-United States of Europe (which is where France and Germany are seeking to drag us) is effectively disfranchised.

With parliamentary democracy thus discredited (after all, none of our MPs has a specific mandate from the electorate on this issue), what is so wrong with a referendum to clear up the matter once and for all?

Yours faithfully,
A. D. FARR,
Tullochvenus House,
Lumphanan, Aberdeenshire.
October 13.

From Major-General Julian Thompson

Sir, In attacking Mr Portillo's somewhat puerile speech, Mrs Edwina Currie also uttered complete nonsense (report, October 12): "To suggest that the UK acts entirely on its own in military cases is complete nonsense and has been for 50 years."

We are indeed, "part of an alliance, Nato, which happens to be run from Brussels". The Alliance was outstandingly successful in deterring Soviet aggression and keeping peace in Europe for 40 years. However, in its long and distinguished history Nato has mounted only one operation: in Bosnia. We must reserve judgment on its success or otherwise.

The British Armed Forces have been in action almost continually somewhere in the world since 1945, sometimes entirely on their own, sometimes with allies, of whom some may have incidentally also been members of Nato. None of these operations were under the Alliance banner, and none were run from Brussels. Who is to say there will not be more operations in which the UK acts either unilaterally or with regional allies?

As Vice-Admiral Sir James Jungius has pointed out (letter, October 12), it is a pity that our politicians do not address the real state of the Armed Forces today. Instead we are treated to flag-waving on one hand, military ignorance on the other, and arrogance on both.

Yours etc,
JULIAN THOMPSON,
King's College London,
Department of War Studies,
Strand, WC2.
October 12.

Gaelic television

From Mr Matthew MacIver

Sir, In his adverse comparison between the £4.7 million of public funding provided annually to Scottish Opera and the "whopping £8.7 million given to something called the 'Gaelic TV Fund' " Richard Morrison (Arts, October 7) seems to be suggesting that Gaelic-speaking Padraig (Peter) should be mugged to allow opera-going Paul continued access to performances which are already heavily subsidised.

The Gaelic Television Fund, which has already suffered a substantial cut at Scottish Office hands, was established in January 1993 in response to a widespread feeling in Scotland that some public funding should be injected into the provision of television programmes in Gaelic. Some 70 programmes or series have been made as a result. A number of these have attracted Scottish audiences in excess of 500,000.

The Gaelic language — together with the wider culture to which Gaelic gives access — has been integral to Scotland for more than 1,500 years. As is evident from the rapidly growing demand for Gaelic-medium education (whose funding Richard Morrison also seems to want to raid for Scottish Opera's benefit) as well as from the burgeoning popular interest in Gaelic music, Scots generally are becoming ever more conscious of, and committed to, this most distinctive aspect of their heritage.

For supporters of Scottish Opera — whom I personally wish well — to be implying that opera ought to be safeguarded at the expense of Gaelic, is as lacking in sense as it is in sensitivity.

Gaelic-speakers are certainly in a minority in Scotland. But so are opera-goers. And it is hard to see how our country will be culturally enriched by the latter minority attempting to enhance its position at the expense of the former.

Yours sincerely,
MATTHEW MacIVER
(Chairman-designate,
Gaelic Television Committee),
21 Durham Road,
Edinburgh 15.
October 10.

Special offer

From the Reverend Graham Jeffery

Sir, I have just received a letter from BT saying the discount on some phone calls "will drop slightly, from 10% to 5%". What would constitute a "large drop"?

Yours sincerely,
GRAHAM JEFFERY,
Thakeham Rectory,
Pulborough, West Sussex.
October 10.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
October 13: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh this morning arrived at Stockton Station and were received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of Cleveland (the Lord Gisborough).

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness drove to Samsung Wynyard Park and were received by the Chairman of Samsung (Mr K.H. Lee) and the Mayor of Stockton (Councillor Mrs D. Redican).

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh toured the Microwave Factory and the Computer Monitor Factory and viewed a display illustrating the story of Wynyard Park and the Samsung Group.

Her Majesty formally opened the new Samsung Electronics Factory.

The Queen, accompanied by The *Duke of Edinburgh later opened the* new Riverside Development, Chester le Street, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of County Durham (Mr David Grant) and the Chairman, Durham County Cricket Club (Mr J.D. Robson).

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness toured the new Pavilion of the Durham County Cricket Club, meeting Directors and staff, and subsequently met members of Durham County Cricket Team and the Head Groundsman on the Pitch.

The Queen, accompanied by The Duke of Edinburgh, afterwards viewed an exhibition of the whole Riverside Development project.

Her Majesty, with His Royal Highness, honoured the Chairman of Durham County Cricket Club with her presence at Luncheon in the Cricket Pavilion Boardroom.

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh this afternoon visited Thorn Lighting Limited, Spennymoor, and were received by the Executive Chairman (Mr Hamish Bryce) and the Mayor of Spennymoor (Councillor Mrs S. Fleetham).

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness toured the product display area and computer-aided design area, escorted by Mr L. Bedocs (Technical Director), and the production building, escorted by Mr Terence Smith (Manufacturing Director).

The Countess of Airlie, Mr Robin Janvrin, Mr Geoffrey Crawford and Lieutenant Commander Toby Williamson, RN, were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Trustee, *this evening attended a meeting of* The Prince Philip Trust Fund for the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead followed by a Dinner at 15 Archer Close, Maidenhead, Berkshire.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
October 13: The Prince Edward, Trustee, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, this afternoon arrived at *Royal Air Force Aldergrove and was* received by the Baroness Denton of Wakefield (Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Northern Ireland Office).

His Royal Highness opened the offices of TNT Express (UK) Limited, Belfast Road, Nutt's Corner, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of County Antrim (the Lord O'Neill).

The Prince Edward this evening attended a Reception and Dinner at Hillsborough Castle in support of the Award and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of County Down (Colonel William Brownlow).

Lieutenant Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
October 13: The Princess Royal today visited South Yorkshire and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant (Lieutenant Colonel Hugh Neill).

Her Royal Highness this morning opened the South Yorkshire Probation Committee's new offices at 34 Bennetthorpe, Doncaster.

The Princess Royal afterwards opened the Safety in Doncaster Project at the Control Centre, Police Headquarters, College Road, Doncaster.

Her Royal Highness, President, Save the Children Fund, this afternoon attended a Fund-raising Luncheon at Cutlers Hall, Church Street, Sheffield.

The Princess Royal, Patron, SENSE — the National Deaf-Blind and Rubella Association, later opened a Day Service for Young Deaf-Blind People and launched the SENSE North Region at Melton House, Gerard Road, Moorgate, Rotherham.

Mrs Andrew Feilden was in attendance.

Her Royal Highness, Patron, Minchinhampton Centre for the Elderly, accompanied by Captain Timothy Laurence, RN, this evening attended a Reception at Horsfall House, Windmill Road, Minchinhampton, Stroud, Gloucestershire.

Royal engagements

TODAY: The Princess Royal will attend the Royal Naval Association concert and reunion at the Albert Hall at 6.35.

Princess Margaret, as President of the NSPCC, will attend the society's Berkshire Appeal ball at West Wycombe Park, High Wycombe, at 8.25.

Service dinners

Company of Pikemen and Musketeers
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, attended the annual feast of the Company of Pikemen and Musketeers of the Honourable Artillery Company held last night at Armoury House. Captain Harry Watson, captain of the company, presided. The Lord Mayor, Sergeant of Musketeers B.A. Kay and Mrs Ann Prichard were the speakers.

The Green Howards
Brigadier Richard Dannatt, Colonel of The Green Howards (Alexandra, Princess of Wales's Own Yorkshire Regiment), presided at the annual officers' dinner held last night at the Infantry Training Centre Catterick.

Headquarters Strike Command
Air Marshal Sir John Allison, Chief of Staff, RAF Strike Command, received the guests at a dining in night held last night at RAF High Wycombe. Group Captain A.C. Montgomery presided.

RAF Minerva Society
Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Knight was the guest of honour at the annual dinner of the Minerva Society held last night at RAF Henlow. Group Captain I. Sloss, chairman of the society, presided.

Church news

Appointments

The Rev Elizabeth Bailey, Honorary Curate, Roughton, Felbrigg, Metton, Sustead, Bessingham and Gunton w Hanworth: to be Honorary Curate, *Cromer w* Suffield Park (Norwich).

The Rev Douglas Brown, SSM, Director of the Anglican Centre, Rome, Italy: to be Chaplain, Holy Cross, Palermo, Sicily (Europe).

The Rev Jonathan Charles, Chaplain, King's School, Worcester and Minor Canon of Worcester Cathedral (Worcester): to be Priest-in-charge, Burnham Westgate, Burnham Norton, Burnham Overy, *Burnham* Thorpe and Burnham Sutton w Burnham Ulph (Norwich).

Memorial service

Lady Taylor of Gosforth
The Lord Chancellor was present at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Lady Taylor of Gosforth held on Thursday at the Temple Church. Canon Joseph Robinson officiated. Lord Justice Hirst, Treasurer of The Inner Temple, and Mr Michael Harris, brother, read the lessons. Mrs Jenny Isaacs read Christina Rossetti's *Remember me*. Mr Justice Potts and Lord Woolf, Chairman of the Butler Trust, gave addresses. Miss Susan Bullock, soprano, sang *Come ye not from Newcastle?* and *Summertime* from George Gershwin's *Porgy and Bess*.

The Master of the Rolls and Lady Bingham, the President of the Family Division and Lady Brown, the Vice Chancellor, Lady Spencer (representing the Solicitor General) and the Lady Mayoress attended. Among others present were:

Lord Taylor of Gosforth (husband), Mr Louis Taylor (son), Miss Ruth Taylor (daughter), Mr and Mrs Michael Stevenson and Mr and Mrs Paul Bridge (sons-in-law and daughters), Mrs Michael Harris (sister-in-law), Mr and Mrs Arthur Taylor (brother-in-law and sister-in-law), Miss Tina Harris, Mr Anthony Harris, Mr Tim Harris, Mr Paul Taylor, Miss Carline Taylor and Mr Mark Taylor.

Viscount Dilhorne, Lord and Lady Lane, Lady Elliott of Morpeth, Lord and Lady Lowry, Lord and Lady Nolan, Lord and Lady Griffiths, Lord Slynn of Hadley, Lord and Lady Irvine of Lairg, Lord Lester of Herne Hill, Lord Templeman, Lord Williams of Mostyn, QC, and Lady Williams, Lord and Lady Roskill, Lord and Lady Nicholls of Birkenhead, Lord and Lady Bridge of Harwich, Lord and Lady Ackner, Lord and Lady Rawlinson of Ewell, Lord Campbell of Alloway, QC, Lord and Lady Schiemann, Lord Hoffmann, Lord and Lady Wilberforce, Lord and Lady Mustill, Lady Howe of Aberavon, Lady Williams of Elvel, Lord Alexander of Weedon, QC, and Lady Alexander, Lord and Lady Browne-Wilkinson, Lord Wigoder, QC, and Lady Wigoder, Lord Goff of Chieveley, Lord and Lady Lloyd of Berwick, Lady Russell of Killowen.

Sir Tasker Watkins, VC, Sir Christopher Slade (representing the Treasurer of Lincoln's Inn) and Lady Slade, Lady Woolf, Lady Levene, Sir John and Lady Balcombe, Sir Brian and Lady Hutton, Lady Fox, QC, Lord Justice and Lady Rose, Lord Justice Stuart Smith, Lord Justice Hutchison, Lord Justice and Lady Hobhouse, Lord Justice and Lady Otton, Lord Justice Roch, Sir Patrick O'Connor, Sir Roy and Lady Beldam, Lady Steyn, Lord Justice and Lady Simon Brown, Lord Justice and Lady Kennedy, Sir John and Lady May, Lord Justice and Lady Leggatt, Lord Justice and Lady Swinton Thomas, Lady Millett, Sir Iain and Lady Glidewell, Lady Hirst, Lord Justice and Lady Staughton, Sir David Farquharson, Lord Justice and Lady Henry, Lord Justice Auld, Lord Justice Neill, Lord Justice and Lady Ward, *Lord Justice Phillips, Sir Ian Percival,* QC, and Lady Percival, Sir John Stephenson, Sir Francis and Lady Purchas, the Hon Mrs Justice Hogg, the Hon Bruce Pitt.

Judge Sir Lawrence Verney (Recorder of London), Mr Justice Brooke (chairman, Law Commission), Mr Justice Waterhouse (Treasurer, Middle Temple) and Lady Waterhouse, Lady Potts, Sir Robin and Lady Butler, Sir Robin Day, Lady McNeill, Sir John and Lady Leonard, Sir Peter and Lady Webster, Mr Justice and Lady May, Mr Justice Kirkwood, Mr Justice and Lady Collins, Lady Brown, Lady Lowry, Mr Justice and Lady Wright, Sir Gordon Borrie, QC, Mr Justice and *Lady Gresswell, Mr Justice* Chadwick, Sir Arthur and Lady Hoole, Mr Justice and Lady Scott Baker, Mr Justice and Lady Waller, Dame Margaret Booth, Lady Kerr, Mr Justice Rix, Mr Justice and Lady Tucker, Mr Justice Macpherson of Cluny, Sir Godfray le Quesne, QC, Mr Justice Evans-Lombe, Mr Justice and Lady Colman, Lady Cobb, Mr Justice and Lady Forbes, Lady Popplewell, Sir Kenneth and Lady Hollings, Lady Alliott, Mr Justice and Lady Turner, Mr Justice Mitchell, Lady Legg, Mr Justice Potter, His Honour Sir William Stabb, QC, and Lady Stabb, Sir Kit and Lady McMahon, Mr Justice Butterfield, Lady Russell, Mr Justice and Lady Laws, *Mr Justice Buckley, Mr* Justice Blofeld, Mr Justice Harrison, Mr Justice Jowitt, Lady Upworth, Sir Cecil Clothier, QC, and Lady Clothier, Lady Wien, Sir Henry de Waal, QC, and Lady de Waal, Sir David Calcutt, QC, and Lady Calcutt, Mr Joseph and Lady Justice Butler-Sloss, Mr Ellis and Baroness Birk.

Mrs Barbara Mills, QC (Director of Public Prosecutions), Mr Peter Goldsmith, QC (representing the Chairman of the Bar), Mr Michael Huebner (Head of the Court Service) and Mrs Huebner, Registrar Adams (Court of Appeal), Mr Stuart Beare (Master, City of London Solicitors), Mr Michael Sherrard, QC (Director, Middle Temple Advocacy), Mr Charles *Elly (The Law Society) and Mrs Elly,* Mrs Judy Penry-Davey (representing the Vice-Chairman, General Council of the Bar), Mr Stephen Kramer, QC (Criminal Bar Association), Judge Angus Stroyan (representing the North East Circuit) and Mrs Stroyan, Mr Gerard Elias, QC (representing the Leader of the Wales and Chester Circuit), Mr Stephen Williamson, QC (Leader, North East Circuit), His Honour Richard Lowry and Her Honour Nina Lowry, Master Morland, Master Tennant, Master Higgins, Judge Hague, QC, Judge and Mrs Macdonald, Professor Michael Besser and Judge Pearlman, Judge Barry Green, QC, and Mrs Green, Judge and Mrs J Stephenson, Judge and Mrs Capstick, Judge Pownall, QC, Judge Callman, Judge Peter Bowsher, QC, His Honour George Dobney, QC, Mrs Justice Steel, Judge Rivlin, QC, and Mrs Rivlin, Judge and Mrs Orde, His Honour Peter Mason, QC, Mr Brian Walsh, QC, Mr BA Hytner, QC, Mr Franz Muller, QC, and Mrs Muller, Mr *George Carman, QC, Mr W J Glover,* QC, Mr Vivian Robinson, QC, Mr Richard Stone, QC, and Mrs Stone, Miss Carol Ellis, QC, Mr A Scrivener, QC, and Mrs Scrivener, Mr Graham Boal, QC, Mr Stanley Brodie, QC, Miss Elizabeth Gloster, QC, Mr David Vaughan, QC, and Mrs Vaughan, William Vaughan, Mr Nicholas Valios, QC, *Miss* Eleanor Platt, QC, Miss Elizabeth Appleby, QC, Mr Evan Stone, QC, and Mrs Stone, Mr John Archer, QC, and Mrs Archer, Mr David Hollis, QC, and Mrs Hollis, Mr Nicholas Purnell, QC, Mr Michael Harvey, QC, Mr Lionel Swift, QC, Mr Anthony Machin, QC, Mr James Wadsworth, QC, Mr Richard Southwell, QC, *Mr D* Owen Thomas, QC, Mr David Pannick, QC, Mr John Crowley, QC, Mr Ian Hunter, QC, Mr F Ashe Lincoln, QC, Professor Francis Reynolds, QC, Mr Stephen Hockman, QC.

Miss Anne Stewart (representing the High Commissioner for Canada and the Chief Justice of Ontario), the Lord Lieutenant of West Yorkshire (chairman, Shrievalty Association) and Mrs Lyles with Mr David Pearnley (Vice Lord Lieutenant) and Mrs Pearnley, the Warden of New College, Oxford, Mrs Sarah Wilson (representing the Vice-Chancellor, Leeds University), Mr Michael Kuczynski (Pembroke College, Cambridge), Mr Marmaduke Hussey, Mr Anthony Isaacs, Mr and Mrs M Perahia, Ms Liz Forgan, Mr John Bickford Smith, Dr and Mrs H Rose, Dr Ann Fingret, Mr Brian Edwards, Mr Marcel Berlins, Mrs Peter Goldsmith, Mrs Michael Harvey, Mr J J Fenwick, Mr and Mrs Laurence Shurman, Mr and Mrs David Taylor, Mrs Joan Wheeler-Bennett, Mr Christopher Newell, Mr Philip Sober, Miss Diana Pigot, Miss Dulcibel McKenzie, Mrs Stephen Stewart, Mr Edward Adams, Mr John Bond, Mrs Neomi Bannister, Mr and Mrs Dennis Faith, Mr and Mrs Roger Kingdon, Mr Michael Power, Mr and Mrs David Freeman, Mr and Mrs Marc van Hasselt, Mr and Mrs John Walford, Mr David Fingleton, Mr and Mrs E G Nugee, Mr John Wilson, Mr Jacob Potts, Mr Michael Hill, Mrs Anna Guggenheim, Miss Hester McCowan.

Mrs Fiona Clarke (Kids VIP) and Mr Gordon Fowler, Mr Mark Telfer (secretary, Music Therapy Charity) and Mrs David Skeggs, Miss Fanny Waterman (Leeds International Piano Competition), Mr A Davis (Company of Musicians), Mr Mark Sheldon (Linklater and Paines) and Mrs Sheldon, Mr A C Taylor (Samuel Phillips and Company), Mr Nunc Willcox (Garrick), Dr Peter E Audry (Warner Classics International), Mr Norman Williams (Road Traffic Report), Mrs Lillian Bennett (chairman, Manpower and many other friends.

Dinners

Marketors' Company
Mr T.S. Corrigan, Master of the Marketors' Company, presided at a dinner held last night at Stationers' Hall. Professor Malcolm McDonald gave the Bowden Marketing Address. During the evening the Master presented the company's awards to the best students in the Chartered Institute of Marketing's Certificate and *Diploma Examinations and the* Master's Award to the best student in the Intensive Diploma Course. The Masters of the Grocers', Innholders', Stationers' and Newspaper Makers', and Scriveners' *Companies* were among the guests.

Welsh Livery Guild
The Lord-Lieutenant of South Glamorgan presented Captain R.L. Newbury, the Master of the Welsh Livery Guild, with the Letters Patent of the guild, in the presence of York Herald of Arms, at an installation dinner held last night at the Temple of Peace, Cardiff. The Master, accompanied *by the wardens, presided. Captain* A.D. Braithwaite was the guest speaker.

English-Speaking Union
Mr John Cole was the guest of honour and speaker at the opening dinner of the English-Speaking Union's National Branches' Conference held last night at the Abbey Hotel, Malvern. Baroness Brigstocke, chairman, presided. Mr George Pushman, Chairman E-SU Worcestershire, also spoke.

UK Coffee Trade Federation
The Costa Rican Ambassador was the principal guest at the annual dinner and dance of the UK Coffee Trade Federation held last night at Grosvenor House. Mr Anthony Miller, chairman, presided.

British Marine Equipment Council
Lord Selsdon, President of the British Exporters Association, was the principal speaker at a dinner of the British Marine Equipment Council held last night at the House of Commons, by courtesy of Mr Neville Trotter, MP. Captain Bruce Thomas, president of the council, was in the chair.

The Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists

The Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists celebrated its Golden Jubilee with a dinner last night at the National Railway Museum in York. Guests included: Lord Ashley of Stoke, incoming President of the Royal College and Sir David Orr, retiring President. The UK professional body, which had the title Royal conferred in May, is also holding a conference at the Viking Hotel and a service at York Minster this week. Key contributors include Sir Kenneth Calman, Dr Pam Enderby, Professor Heinz Wolff and Sir Sigmund Sternberg.

Playing Card Makers

The following have been elected officers of the Company of Playing Card Makers for the ensuing year: *Master, Mr R.A. Howells: Senior* Warden, Mr M.H. Goodall: Junior Warden, Mr P.D. Crabbe.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr A. Griggs and Miss K. Baker
The engagement is announced between Adam, eldest son of Mr and Mrs M. Griggs, of York, and Karen, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs R.A. Baker, of Le Vésinet, France.

Mr H.J.G. McGough and Miss I.A. De Luca
The engagement is announced between Harvey, elder son of Mr and Mrs Adrian McGough, of Sherborne, Dorset, and Ivonne Alice, daughter of Señora Elena and the late Señor Enrique De Luca, of Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Mr A.J.M. Mitchell and Miss S.J. Proctor
The engagement is announced between Andrew Jonathan Mills, younger son of Dr and Mrs J.R. Mitchell, of Burton-upon-Stather, South Humberside, and Susan Jane, only daughter of His Honour Judge A.J. Proctor and Mrs Proctor, of Lancaster, Lancashire.

Mr R.C.B. Sloley and Miss C.E. Penny
The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs B.J.B. Sloley, of Bembridge, Isle of Wight, and Caroline, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs C.G.D. Penny, of Bradford-on-Avon, Wiltshire.

Mr M.C.C. Smailes and Miss S.D. Whittingham
The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mr and Mrs I.C. Smailes, of Ashford, Middlesex, and Sandie, daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Whittingham, of Frodsham, Cheshire.

Mr R.W. Smalley and Miss K.V. Beaumont
The engagement is announced between Richard William, son of Mr and Mrs Brian Smalley, of Dartmouth, Devon, and Kirsty Victoria, youngest daughter of Mr G. Beaumont, of Parbold, Lancashire, and of Mrs J. Beaumont, of Durham.

Mr D.B. Staveley-Taylor and Miss F.J. Roberts
The engagement is announced between David Benjamin, youngest son of Mr D. Staveley-Taylor and of Mrs M. Staveley-Taylor, and Felicity Jane, second daughter of Mr and Mrs T.W. Roberts.

Mr S.M.C. Taylor and Miss N.R. Baker
The engagement is announced between Sean, son of Mr and Mrs Neil Carr Taylor, of Corsham, Wiltshire, and Nicola, daughter of Mr and Mrs Nicholas Baker, of Henley, Oxfordshire.

Mr N. Thornton and Miss P.J.B. Martin
The engagement is announced between Neil, son of Mr and Mrs Timothy Thornton, of Balsall Common, West Midlands, and *Penni, daughter* of Mr and Mrs Richard Martin, of Cranleigh, Surrey.

Captain D.M. Wheeler and Miss E.J. Challacombe
The engagement is announced between Captain Mark Wheeler, The Royal Regiment of Wales (24th/41st Foot), son of Mr and Mrs David Wheeler, of Penarth, South Glamorgan, and Emma, daughter of Dr and Mrs David Challacombe, of Taunton, Somerset.

Mr G.J. Willey and Miss K.L. Findlay
The engagement is announced between Justin, elder son of the late Mr Maurice Willey and of Mrs Maurice Willey, of London, SW12, and Karen, daughter of Dr and Mrs Angus Findlay, of Muirton, Craigellachie, Banffshire.

Marriage

Herr F.P. Lademacher and Miss C.A. Knox
The marriage took place on October 6, at the Lady Chapel of the Cathedral Church of St Mary, Edinburgh, of Herr Filip Peter Lademacher, elder son of Herr Professor Dr Horst and Frau Lademacher, of Münster, Germany, and Miss Christine Anne Knox, daughter of Dr and Mrs George Knox, of Cruden Bay, Aberdeenshire. The Bishop of Edinburgh officiated.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Mr R. Alexander Porter was best man.

Dyers' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Dyers' Company for the ensuing year: Prime Warden, Mr Frank A. Onians; Renter Warden, Mr R.S. Brooks.

Weekend birthdays



The runner Steve Cram is 35 today

TODAY: Lord Barnett, 72; Mr Peter Bijur, former chairman, Texaco, 53; Mr R.N. Bottini, trade unionist, 79; Mr John Boyd, HM Chief Inspector of Constabulary for Scotland, 62; Lady Brittan, deputy chair, Equal Opportunities Commission, 55; *Mr Vivian Davies*, Egyptologist, 48; Dame Mrs Elizabeth Esteve-Coll, Vice-Chancellor, University of East Anglia, 57; Sir Leslie Fletcher, former chairman, Westland Group, 73; *Mr Justice French*, 70; *the Earl of* Galloway, 67; Professor J.A.G. Griffith, Professor of Public Law, London University, 77; Air Chief Marshal Sir David Harcourt-Smith, 64; Mr Justin Hayward, singer, 49; Mr David Hinchliffe, MP, 47; Mr James Hodgson, former vice-chairman, British Telecom, 70; Professor Victor Hoffbrand, haematologist, 60; Mr Joe Hyman, founder, Viyella International, 74; Mr William Jarvis, racehorse trainer, 35; Professor Kay-Tee Khaw, gerontologist, 45; Dr Anne Lee, Headmistress, Malvern Girls' College, 42; Sir Richard Luce, former MP, 59; Professor Shula Marks, former director, *Institute of Commonwealth Studies*, 59; Mr Roger Moore, actor, 68; Sir Derek Oulton, QC, former Permanent Secretary, Lord Chancellor's Office, 68; Mr Thomas Prentice, life president, Harrisons and Crosfield, 76; Sir Cliff Richard, singer, 55; Mr John S. Roques, senior partner and chief executive, Touche Ross, 57; Mr Mike Sweeney, chairman, Henley Royal Regatta, 51; Mr Roger Taylor, tennis player, 54; Mr Christopher Timothy, actor, 55; *Miss Carole Tongue, MEP*, 40; Mr Kieran Tunney, playwright and author, 73; Mr David Venables, former Official Solicitor to the Supreme Court, 63; Mr Alan Williams, MP, 65; Mr Derek Wood, QC, Principal, St Hugh's College, Oxford, 58.

TOMORROW: The Duchess of York celebrates her 36th birthday today.

Lord Ampthill, 74; Lord Baden-Powell, 59; Sir George Bishop, former chairman, Booker McConnell, 82; Mr Craig Chalmers, rugby player, 27; Sir H.M. Colvin, architectural *historian*, 76; Professor J.K. Galbraith, economist, 87; Mr G.T. Goodall, former Headmaster, Exeter School, 66; the Very Rev E.W. Heaton, former Dean of Christ Church, Oxford, 75; Sir Julian Hodge, merchant banker, 91; Mr Alan Jones, chief executive, BICC, 56; Miss Catherine Lampert, director, Whitechapel Art Gallery, 49; Dame Anne Mueller, civil servant, 65; Baroness Perry of Southwark, 64; Mr Mario Puzo, author, 75; Professor Charles Rees, former president of the Royal Society of Chemistry, 68; Mr George Sava, author and surgeon, 92; Baroness Serota, 76; Mr David Trimble, *MP, 51; Mr Justice Vinelott, 72; Sir* Christopher Walford, Lord Mayor of London, 60.

Anniversaries

Today
BIRTHS: King James II, reigned 1685-88, St James's Palace, 1633; William Penn, Quaker, founder of the state of Pennsylvania, London, 1644; Adolphe Monticelli, painter, Marseilles, 1824; Eamon de Valera, President of the Irish Republic 1959-73, New York, 1882; Dwight Eisenhower, general, 34th American President 1953-61, Denison, Texas, 1890; e.e. cummings, poet, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 1894.

DEATHS: Erwin Rommel, commander of the German Afrika Corps in the Second World War, committed suicide, Herrlingen, 1944; Bing Crosby, singer and film *actor, near Madrid, 1977; Leonard* Bernstein, composer, New York, 1990.

The Battle of Hastings was fought at Senla Hill, 1066.

The Nobel Peace Prize was awarded to Martin Luther King, 1964.

Tomorrow
BIRTHS: Virgil, Roman poet, Andes, near Mantua, Italy, 70 BC; Allan Ramsay, poet, Crawford, Strathclyde, 1686; Mikhail Lermontov, dramatist and poet, Moscow, 1814; Friedrich Nietzsche, philosopher, Roken, Germany, 1844; Marie Stopes, scientist and sex education reformer, Edinburgh, 1880; Sir Pelham (P.G.) Wodehouse, humorous writer, Guildford, Surrey, 1881.

DEATHS: Pierre Laval, head of Vichy Government 1942-44, executed, Paris, 1945; Hermann Goering, Nazi war criminal, committed suicide, Nuremberg, 1946.

Church services tomorrow

ABERDEEN CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.15 SE, Jackson in G, O Lord increase my faith (Loosemore). The Provost; 6.30 ES (Men's voices), Gloria tibi Domine (Byrd), Hassler tone V: Mine eyes for beauty pine (Howells), The Provost.
BRISTOL CATHEDRAL: College Green 7.40 M; 8 HC; 10 Euch; 11.15 Legal Service Jubilate in C (Britten), Judge Eternal (Archer), Bishop of Swindon; 3.30 Choral E, Responses (Radcliffe), Stanford in C, The Spirit of the *Lord (Elgar); 6.30 Universities' Opening* Session Service.
CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.30 M; 11 S Euch, Missa sine intemerata (Tallis), Prevent us O Lord (Byrd), The Dean; 2.15 Baptism; 3.15 E, Responses (Holmes), St John Service (Hendrie), Insanae et vanae curae (Haydn).
CARLISLE CATHEDRAL: 10.30 Euch, Missa Sancti Nicolai (Haydn), Almighty God the fountain of all wisdom (Tomkins), Carillon-Sortie (Mulet), The Dean; 3 E, To my humble supplication (Jacob), Responses (Leighton).
CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL: 7.30 MP; 8 HC; 9.30 Euch; 11.15 S Euch, Sicut cervus (Palestrina), Missa aeterna Christe munera (Palestrina); 6 Choral E, Responses (Reading), Dyson in D, Evening Hymn (Balfour Gardiner), Rev R Clarke.
CHESTER CATHEDRAL: 7.45 L; 8 HC; 10 Euch; 11.30 Choral M; 3.30 Choral E; 6.30 ES.
CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 M, Stanford in C, Deliver us O Lord (Batten), Responses (Bertalot), the Bursalis Prebendary; 11 S Euch, Schubert in C, tantum ergo (Fauré), Rt Rev M Maddocks; 3.30 E, Watson in E, Save us O Lord (Bairstow), Responses.
COVENTRY CATHEDRAL: 7.40 MP; 8 C; 10.30 Euch, Holy is the true light (Harris), Jackson in G, I will sing to the Lord (Leddington Wright), Baroness L Chalker; 5.30 E, Hail gladdening light (Wood), Responses (Rose), Sumsion in G.
DURHAM CATHEDRAL: 8, 11.15 HC, Mass in five parts (Byrd), Canon M Perry; 10 M, Britten in C, Give us the wings of faith (Bullock), Canon S Pedley; 3.30 E, The Durham Service (Lloyd), Thou O God art praised in Sion (Grier); 6.30 E.
ELY CATHEDRAL: 8.15 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Coronation Mass (Mozart), Rev Canon F Kilner, D minor (Dorian) Bach; 3.45 E, Preces (Leighton), Stanford in C.
EXETER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.45 S Euch, Oculi omnium (Wood), Missa Brevis (Caesar), let all mortal flesh keep silence (Bairstow), The *Sub-Dean; 11.15 Trafalgar Day Service*, Canon G Jones; 3 E, Responses (Leighton), Darke in F, Insanae et vanae curae (Haydn); 6.30 E, They that go down to the sea (Sumsion), Canon D Ison.
LEICESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 M; 10.30 Euch, Stanford in C, Glory love & praise & honour (Harris), The Precentor; 3 Special Service, National Trust Centenary, For the beauty of the earth (Rutter), the Provost.
LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Harvest Thanksgiving, Mass for 4 voices (Byrd), Thou visitest the earth (Greene), O Lord increase my faith (Loosemore), the Precentor; 3.30 Special Service, the Bishop.
LINCOLN CATHEDRAL: 7.45 L; 8, 12.30 HC; 9.30 S Euch, Jackson in G the Chancellor; 11.15 M, Boyce in C, Laudate nomen Domini (Tye); 3.45 E, Stanford in C, For life with all it yields (Slater), Responses (Reading), the Bishop.
LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL: 8 MP & HC; 10.30 Euch, Vaughan Williams in G Te Deum, V Rev E Evans; 3 E, Dyson in D, Rev S Pratt; 4 HC.
LLANDAFF CATHEDRAL: 7.30 M; 8, 12.15 H Euch, Rev Dr J Baldwin; 9 Euch, The Dean; 11 S Euch, Miss Brevis in C (Mozart), Jubilate Deo (Mozart), Rev N Court; 3.30 Choral E, Hereford Service (Lloyd), Ven A Lewis; 6.30 E, Rev J Redvers Harris.
NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL: 7.30 M; 8 HC, Canon I Bennett; 9.30 S Euch, Praise my soul (Gloria), Addington Service (Shephard), Mr D Govier, Canon I Bennett; 6 Choral E.
SHEFFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9 MP; 9.30 C; 11 Euch & Baptism, Canon C Smith; 6.30 Healthcare Service, Canon G Tolley; 8 Christ in Quiet.
SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 Euch; 11 Choral Euch, Missa Ecce ego Joannes (Palestrina), *O for a closer walk with God* (Stanford), Ave verum (Mozart), Rev Canon M Kitchen; 3 Choral E, Purcell in B flat, Behold now praise the Lord (Purcell), The Provost.
TRURO CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9 M, The Dean; 10 S Euch, Hide not thou thy face (Farrant), Missa Aeterna Christi Munera (Palestrina), Jesu joy of man's desiring (Bach), Canon K Rogers; 6 E, Responses (Morley), *Faux-bourdons* (Whitlock), Ascribe unto the Lord (Wesley), The Treasurer.
WELLS CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.45 S Euch, The Life of faith, Messe Solennelle (Langlais), V Rev R Lewis; 11.30 M, Vaughan Williams in G, William Walton, O Lord increase our faith (Loosemore); 3 E, Stanford in C, Jubilate Deo (Dering), Ven R Frith; 7 Young Farmers Harvest Festival Service.
WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC; 10 M, Short Service/Prevent us O Lord (Byrd), Rev F Buechner; 11.15 Euch, Missa Brevis in D/Laudate Dominum (Mozart), O Lord increase my faith (Loosemore), Rev J goodall; 3 E, Mayors of London, Stanford in C, Beati quorum via (Stanford), Canon A Harvey; 6.30 ES, Canon D Gray.
WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: 7, 8, 9, 12, 5.30, 7 M; 10.30 SM, Missa Papae Marcelli (Palestrina), Jehovah quam multi sunt hostes (Purcell), Toccata in D minor (Buxtehude); 10 MP; 3.30 V&B, Magnificat primi toni (Victoria), O salutaris hostia (Rossini), Fantaisie in E flat (Saint-Saëns).
WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 10.30 M, Short Service (Gibbons), My soul there is a country (Parry), The Dean, Missa sexti toni (Croce), Ego sum panis vivus (Byrd); 3.30 E, Second Service (Leighton), Os justi (Bruckner), The Archdeacon.
YORK MINSTER: 8, 8.45 HC; 10 S Euch, Coll Reg (Howells), Rev Canon E Norman; 11.30 M, Noble in B minor, Responses (Shephard); 4 E, Harwood in A flat, Bring us O Lord God (Harris), Rev Canon P Harrison.
ST ASAPH CATHEDRAL, Clwyd: 8 HC; 11 Choral Euch, Festival Eucharist (Rawsthorne), Ave verum corpus (Mozart), The Canon; 3 NSPCC Service, Gloria from missa sancti nicolai (Haydn), I will sing with the spirit (Rutter).
ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, Southwark: 8, 10, 6 LM; 11.30 SM, Rorate Coeli (Haydn), Duo Seraphim (Dering), Fr G Bradley; 3 Annual Guides Rally & Mass.
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ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, London: 8 HC; 8.45 M; 11 S Euch, Missa brevis (Berkeley), Benedictus (Moore), One thing have I desired of the Lord (Sumsion), Ven G Cassidy; 3.15 E, Darke in F, Responses (Naylor), Behold O God our defender (Howells), Rev N Wynne-Jones.
ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, W1: 8, 5.15 LM; 10.20 MP; 11 HM, Rev P Johnstone; 6 E&B, Dr C Rawll.
ALL SOULS, Langham Place, W1: 9 C; 11 Rev J Cook; 6.30 Rev S Wookey.
THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, W1: 11.
CHELSEA OLD CHURCH, SW3: 8, 12.15 HC; 10 Children; 11 M, Mr M Stephens; 6 E, Mr J Wetherston.
CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Covent Garden, WC2: 11.15; 6.30 Rev S Hood.
HOLY TRINITY BROMPTON, Brompton Road, SW7: 9 ASB HC, Rev S Millar; 11 *Informal, Rev S Downham; 5, 7.30 Informal,* Rev S Millar.
WESLEY'S CHAPEL, City Road, EC2: 9.45 HC; 11 MS, Rev P Hulme.
WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL (Methodist), SW1: Church Anniversary, 11 HC; 6.30, Rev Dr P Graves.
ST ANNE AND ST AGNES (Lutheran), Gresham St, EC2: 11 Choral HC, Rev Dr J *Pullen; 7 V, Rev P Schmiege.*
ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT, Smithfield, EC1: 9 HC; 11 M, Short Service (Caustun), May the grace of Christ our Saviour (Brockless), the Rector; 6.30 Choral Euch, Missa Acterna Christi munera (Palestrina), Gustate et videte (Isaac), Rev D Newman.
ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street, EC4: 11 Choral M & Euch, Jubilate (Sumsion), Stanford in A, Panx peccavi (Clemens), Miss J Bannister; 6.30 Choral E, Responses (Grier), Wise in F, O God thou art my God (Purcell), Canon J Oates.
ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Pont Street, SW1:
ST ETHELDREDA'S, Ely Place: 11 SM, Mass (Fialnsong).
ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 S Euch, Rheinberger in E flat, To thee O Lord (Rachmaninov), The Rector.
ST JAMES'S, Garlickhythe, EC4: 10.30 S Euch, John Paul, Rector.
ST JAMES'S, Sussex Gardens, W2: 8 Euch; 10.30 S Euch, Missa ad fugam (Palestrina), God is a Spirit (Bennett), Rev B Wilson; 6 Choral E, Short Service (Causton), Glorious & Powerful God (Stanford).
ST JOHN'S, Stratford, E15: 11 Family C, Rev D Richards; 6.30 EP, Rev D Richards.
ST LUKE'S, Chelsea, SW3: 8, 12.15 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Missa O quam gloriosum (Victoria), O quam gloriosum (Mozart), Rev D Watson; 6.30 E, Responses (Rose), The spirit of the Lord (Elgar), Rev G Beauchamp.
ST MARK'S, Regents Park Rd, NW1: 8 HC; 9.45 Family C; 11 S Euch, Missa Brevis in B flat (Mozart), How lovely are thy dwellings (Brahms), Rev A Shaw.
ST MARGARET'S, Westminster, SW1: 11 S Euch, Canon D Gray.
ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 8, 12.30 HC, Rev W Ratchford; 9.45 Euch, Rev Canon E James; 11.30 Visitors, Rev B Schunemann; 2.45 Chinese, the Vicar; 5 Choral E; 6.30 ES, Rev C Herbert.
ST MARY ABBOTS CHURCH, Kensington W8: 9.30 Euch, the Vicar; 11.15 Choral M, the Vicar; 6.30 E, Rev M Fuller.
ST MARY'S, Bourne Street, SW1: 9, 10, 7 LM; 11 HM, Canon G Reid; 6 E&B.
ST MARY-THE-VIRGIN, Primrose Hill: 8 HC; 10.30 Euch, 6 Taize Service.
ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, SW1: 8, 9 HC; 11 S Euch, Rev H Ruschmeyer.
ST PETER'S, Eaton Square, *SW1: 8.15 HC; 10* Family Euch; 11 S Euch.
ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road, SW7: 8, 9 LM; 11 SM, Canon C Colven.
CHAPEL ROYAL OF ST PETER AD VINCULA, HM Tower of London: 9.15 HC; 11 M & Sermon, Canon J G M W Murphy.
CHAPEL ROYAL, St James's Palace: 8.30 HC; 11.15 MP, Rev B Ayers.
CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace: 8.30 HC; 11 M, 3.30 E.
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QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY, WC2: 11 S Euch, Rt Rev E Knapp-Fisher.
THE TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street: 8.30 HC; 11.15 MP, Responses (Aylewarde), Britten in E, The Master.
GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks, SW1: 11 M, O Saviour of the world (Palestrina), Sr J Hornby; 12 HC.
ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL, Greenwich, SE10: 11 S Euch (BCP), Stanford in C, Teach me O Lord (Byrd), Rev C French.

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BEVEN - On May 22nd, to Elizabeth and Paul, a son, Nicholas Joseph, brother for Matthew.

CHELL - See Gill.

COLLETT - On Wednesday August 16th, in Oxford, to Jill (née Crossland) and Peter, a daughter, Clementine Isabel.

ELLIOTT - On 6th October, at Frimley Park Hospital, Surrey, to Jane (née Clark) and Andrew, a daughter, Anna Megan, a sister for Mark and Kate.

FLYNN - To Debbie (née Shephard) and Patrick, a son, Louis Harry, born 9.25pm on 12th October 1995 at William Harvey Hospital, Ashford, Kent.

GILL - On 7th October 1995, to Mark and Hilary, a son, Dominic Adam, a brother for Alexandra, Charlotte, Jack and Robin.

HAYES - On October 10th, in London, to Victoria (née Miers) and Andrew, a bonny daughter, Daisy Richenda.

KANE - On September 19th 1995, to Helen (née Levitt) and Gary, a beautiful son, Alexander Sebastian.

LUKSIC JAMES - On Wednesday, 27th September, 1995, in Santiago, Chile, to Belinda (née James) and Jean-Paul, a son, Tomás Andrónico Princep, a brother for Isabella.

PEARSON - On October 2nd 1995, in Hong Kong, to Richenda (née Ross) and Jeremy, a daughter, Amelia Mary.

SCOTT - On September 12th at Chipping Norton Hospital, to Kathryn and Barnaby, a son.

TALBOT - On October 10th 1995, in Timaru N.Z., to Charlotte (née Branfoot) and Gary, a beautiful boy, Oscar Harold, 7lbs 2oz.

DEATHS

ANSTEY - On October 13th 1995 peacefully at Budleigh Salterton, Margaret Sybil (Peggy), widow of Bill, mother of Gaye and grandmother of Jo, Tim and Georgie. Funeral Service at Exeter and Devon Crematorium on Thursday 19th October at 2 pm. Family flowers only.

ARNULL - On October 11th 1995 at Old Court Hospital after a short illness, Bernard Joseph of Ealing, beloved husband, father and grandfather, a young 81. Service at Ealing Abbey on Friday 20th October at 12 noon. Flowers to Christopher Wickenden Funeral Services, 71 Greenford Avenue, Hanwell, London W7 1LJ.

BAIDEN - Ivy Celia (Pat) peacefully at Galsworthy House on 12th October. Widow of Frank Baiden, mother of Robin and Timothy, grandmother of Amanda, Andrew and Dhara. Funeral at Randalls Park, Leatherhead, at 3 pm on Thursday 19th October. Enquiries to (0181) 846-4813.

CAYZER - Died peacefully at home on Thursday 12th October, 1995, in her 88th year, Betty, beloved wife of Lord Cayzer, much loved mother of Nichola and Elizabeth and grandmother of Amanda, Arabella and James. The funeral will be held at Gartmore Parish Church, near Aberfoyle, Perthshire, on Thursday 19th October at 12.30 pm. Family only and no mourning. No letters.

CRAIG - David Leonard Craig, O.B.E., on Wednesday, 11th October 1995 at home in London. He was much loved and will be greatly missed by his wife Astrid, his children Susan, Gillian, Michael and Annabel, his brother Richard, the rest of his family and many friends around the world. All are welcome to the Funeral and Thanksgiving Service on Thursday, 19th October at 2pm at Christ Church, Eldon Road, Kensington. He will be buried in the Protestant Cemetery in Rome. If desired, donations to Marie Curie Cancer Care, or flowers to Kenyons tel: (0171) 935-3728.

FUGLESANG - Fred (Jim) Robson Fuglesang O.B.E., peacefully after short illness on 13th October 1995. Father of Charles, Venetia and Kristian. Funeral at Aldershot Crematorium on Monday 23rd October at 11.30 am. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to RNLI c/o E. Finch & Sons Ltd., 123 High Street, Aldershot, Hants.

DODD - On October 11th 1995, peacefully at Ashurst Park Nursing Home, Tunbridge Wells, Phyllis Muriel, dearest widow of John William Dodd, mother of Tony and grandmother of Janine and Richard. Funeral Service to be held at St Pauls Church, Rusthall, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, on Friday 20th October 1995 at 3 pm. Followed by interment at Colyton Cemetery, Devon on Wednesday 25th October 1995 at 2 pm. No flowers please, donations if desired to Rev. Bob Whyte, St Pauls Church, Parish Office, Church Centre, Rusthall, Tunbridge Wells, TN4 8RE. Enquiries to E.R. Hickmott & Son, (01892) 522462.

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GREIG - Gerald Ian, after an illness bravely borne, died peacefully 12th October, beloved husband of Isabel. Funeral 19th October St Mary's, Petworth at 2 pm. Flowers to Bryder's, Tillington, Sussex, tel: (01798) 342174.

HAYMON - Sylvia. On 12th October 1995, suddenly but peacefully after a short illness. Much loved mother and grandmother. Funeral 11 am on Sunday 15th October 1995 at Bushey Cemetery. No flowers. Donations to Alzheimers Disease Society.

LIVERMORE - Ann, musician and writer, of Twickenham, on October 10th in West Middlesex Hospital, aged 92. Service 10 am Thursday October 19th St Mary's Convent, Burlington Lane, Chiswick.

MILLINGTON - Lt. Col. M.S.F. Millington, O.B.E., T.D., W.R.A.C. retired, died peacefully on 11th October at Faithfull House, Suffolk Square, Cheltenham, aged 85. Enquiries to Selim Smith & Co., tel: (01242) 526383.

POORE - On 12th October 1995 suddenly but peacefully aged 82 Charles, husband of Pat for 54 years, much loved father of Sandra and John and who will be greatly missed by his 7 grandchildren. Service at Mortlake Crematorium at 12.30 pm on Thursday, 19th October. Family flowers only but donations if desired to The Arthritis & Rheumatism Council, Copeman House, St Mary's Court, St Mary's Gate, Chesterfield, Derbyshire S41 7TD.

ROSS-ESSON - Peggy, on 12th October, peacefully after a long illness, dearest friend of Kaye, lifelong friend of Pam. Service of Thanksgiving at St George's Church, Dittisham at 12 noon 24th October followed by private cremation. Flowers, no mourning.

STANNING - On October 9th at Amesbury, John, Captain R.N. (retd), late of Milford-on-Sea. Much loved by his family and friends. Private cremation followed by thanksgiving service at All Saints, Milford-on-Sea, at 2.30 pm Thursday October 19th. Enquiries please to Diamond & Son, (01590) 672060.

TOMKINSON - Robert Nigel Vernon Tomkinson M.A., MIMechE., of Worcestershire. Died on October 11th, peacefully, after a long illness, at Droitwich Private Hospital. Dearly loved husband of Joy and father to Christopher, Heather and Michael; adored grandfather to Alicia, Katie, Jessica, Annie and Isobel. Family flowers only, please, but if wished donations may be sent to the Kemp Hospice at 58 Sutton Park Road, Kidderminster, Worcs., DY11 6LF.

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DAVIDSON - A Memorial Service for Howard William Davidson C.M.G., M.B.E., late of Tillington, West Sussex and sometime of Fiji and Sabah, will be held at The Chapel of the Order of St Michael and St George, St Paul's Cathedral on Thursday, 9th November at 11 am.

GOODWIN - Professor Geoffrey Goodwin. A celebration of the life of the late Professor Geoffrey Goodwin will be held on Monday 30th October 1995 at 6.00 pm in the Founders' Room at the London School of Economics. All who wish to attend are welcome. RSVP: 0171 955 7561.

HAMILTON - R.W. A Memorial Service will be held on November 4th at 12 noon at St Peter's Church, Walldcton, Suffolk.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 4th day of October 1995 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the capital of the above-named Company from £50,000,000 to £13,091,000 by the cancellation of 36,909,000 issued Ordinary Shares of £1 each in the capital of the Company.

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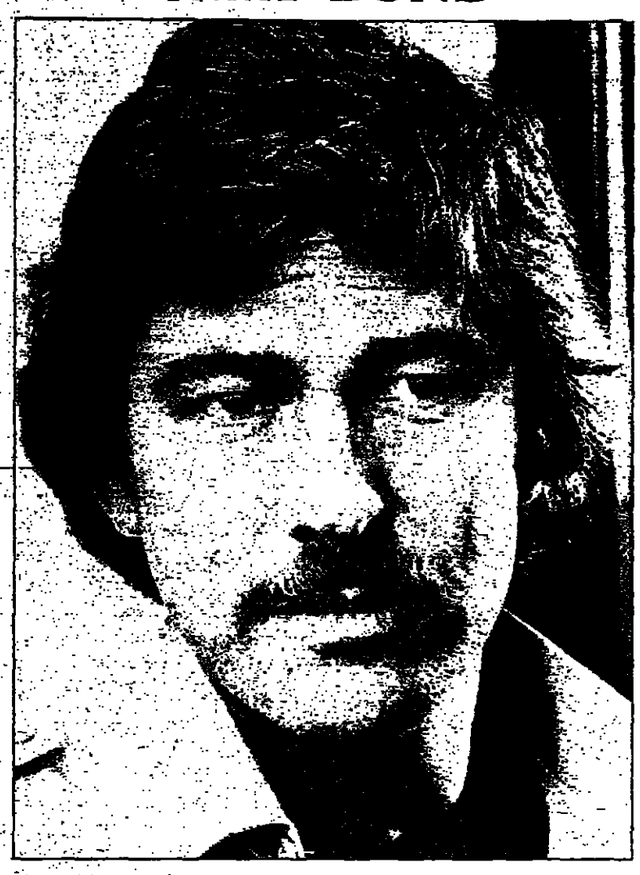
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OBITUARIES

GARY BOND

Gary Bond, actor and singer, died from cancer on October 12 aged 55. He was born on February 7, 1940.



TO ADMIRERS of the West End musical, Gary Bond will be remembered as one of the ablest exponents of Andrew Lloyd Webber's work. He was the original Joseph, in *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat*, which transferred successfully from the Edinburgh Festival to London in 1972, and he later starred as Che Guevara in *Evita* (1978-80) and as George Dillingham in *Aspects of Love* (1994). Lloyd Webber's music seemed to suit Bond's vocal range particularly well, but Bond was as highly prized by the composer for his acting ability as for his powerful tenor.

Blessed with seemingly ageless good looks, which reminded some of Michael York or a young Peter O'Toole, Bond enjoyed several minor triumphs on television in the late 1960s. But, surprisingly for such a photogenic performer, he never really established himself as a film actor. He became instead the complete company man, bounding across the stage at every performance with the vigour of one half his age, and diffusing any tension backstage with paternalistic advice and an endless store of jokes.

Gary James Bond was born in Liss, Hampshire, and educated locally at Churcher's College in Petersfield. His family never wanted him to become an actor. All of his mother's brothers were in the Army and his father was also a professional soldier who wanted his son to pursue a steadier career. But he died when Gary was 16, leaving his son free to follow his own inclinations.

Bond trained for the stage at the Central School of Speech and Drama, to which he won a scholarship, and won several awards, which led afterwards to a regular engagement with a Worthing repertory company. His first stage appearance was in 1963 at the Connaught Theatre, Worthing, in *Not in the Book*.

This was followed by his London debut later that year, as Pip in the second Royal Court production of Arnold Wesker's *Chips with Everything*, which then transferred to New York. He ploughed a steady if unspectacular course on the London stage in the late 1960s, mixing contemporary works with Shakespeare and Shaw.

His first television role came in *War and Peace*, and was followed by his first film, *Zulu* (1964), which took him to South Africa for two months' shooting. More television work followed in the late 1960s: *A Dragon to Kill* and *Monica*, a half-hour two-hander with Peter Cushing. In 1967 he was Pip in *Great Expectations*, a role which he injected with the right degree of nastiness, and the following year he played Lieutenant-Colonel Clive Russell in Thames TV's Indian Army adventure series *Frontier*. From the way *Frontier* was received by critics, it looked as though the producers had another *Avengers*-style hit on their hands. However, a second series did not follow, Bond suspecting that the producers were scared off by the exorbitant cost of making a full colour series. When Bond had nothing else to do, he took on radio plays.

His first experience of musicals came with Brian Epstein's *On the Level* (1966) at the Saville. It was very nearly a hit, and gave Bond a taste for singing. There was even talk of him signing a recording contract, but he had no inclination, at that point, to tour the country promoting records like some pop singer, and he turned this down.

It was in 1972 that he had his first hit in the original Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber musical, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat*. It had originally been written as a school play, but premiered at the Edinburgh Festival in August 1972. It was the success of the festival, and transferred first to the Round House on Haverstock Hill and then to the Albery in the West End in February 1973. Bond made a convincing adolescent, in a part more usually reserved for juvenile leads, as the youth stranded by his brothers in Egypt. The show was an enormous hit, and propelled Bond onto a new level of public popularity. Princess Margaret, a friend of his, was said to have seen the production five times.

Straight acting occupied him for most of the 1970s, but he was back in a singing role in 1978 with another Rice/Lloyd Webber production, *Evita*. This was rapidly becoming one of the most successful musicals on the West End stage, and Bond took over the role of Che from David Essex who created it.

Although Bond could hardly compete with the sort of fanatical following enjoyed by Essex at the time, he held the show together skilfully, as the Che figure is called upon to do.

After a gruelling 18 months, performing eight times a week, he decided to take things easy and spent much of the 1980s touring with a programme of Lloyd Webber songs. He returned to acting last year, as George Dillingham in *Aspects of Love*, having sung the role on the original demonstration album in 1988.

Gary Bond remained a bachelor.

PETER GUNN

Peter Gunn, author, died in France on October 4 aged 81. He was born on August 15, 1914.



IN ELEGANT prose, Peter Gunn brought together a well tuned intuition and an empathy with his subjects which were to establish his reputation as an old-fashioned man of letters. Perhaps best known for his travel books, aptly subtitled *Landscape with Figures*, he also wrote several important works of history and biography. His first book *Naples: A Palimpsest* was enthusiastically welcomed by Sir Harold Acton as unique in its approach to the city, its history and its people. It was, Acton said, the work of a "master-observer, a man drunk with the fact of being alive... a natural historian in the true sense".

Born in Australia, Peter Nicholson Gunn read classics at Melbourne University. His fees were paid by Shell, which presumably hoped that he would one day work in the oil business, but Gunn had other ideas. No sooner had he completed his three-year course than he set off for Europe where he felt instantly and passionately at home with the complexity of the Continent's history and culture. Stick in hand, he walked from Paris to Dubrovnik, and after that never returned to Australia, though his voice always retained the faint twang of his native accent.

During the war Gunn served as a firefighter in London, before joining the Rifle Brigade. But in 1942 he was captured while on night patrol in North Africa and sent to a PoW camp, first near Parma, in Italy, and then in Germany. Among his fellow inmates in the former were the writers Rivers Scott and Eric Newby. At one point he escaped from the Italian camp and for some time sheltered in a verminous cave in the Abruzzi, cared for by local people who faced great personal risk in looking after him. It was here that the seeds of his devotion to Italy were sown. But attempting to rejoin the British line slowly advancing through the snow, Gunn was recaptured by a patrol of German soldiers and transferred eventually to a camp in Germany where he passed his time working on the camp newspaper and staging plays.

When the war was over, Gunn went up to Trinity College, Cambridge, to study Moral Sciences during which time he became both a student and friend of Wittgenstein. He then took up a post teaching history at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst from 1949 to 1956.

It was not until he was in his forties that Gunn began writing, returning to the subject he cared about most — Italy, and most particularly Naples, where he felt uniquely at ease. The travel books which followed, first on Southern Italy (1969) and then on Normandy (1975), Burgundy (1976) and the Yorkshire Dales (1984), reflected his distinctive combination of personal vision, cultural understanding and architectural and historical knowledge. To walk with him, whether in Paris, Rome, Athens or their surrounding landscapes, was an extraordinary experience — no maps were needed since Gunn himself seemed a sort of walking guidebook possessed of an uncanny visual memory. He breathed life into history.

Gunn also won considerable critical acclaim for his biographies, including those on the brilliant and formidable blue-stocking *Vernon Lee* (1964), and on Byron's half-sister, Augusta Leigh (*My Dearest Augusta*, 1968). His interests and sympathies extended to a history of Italy, to studies of the Actons and of Napoleon's mistress, the Duchess of Abrantes. He also edited the Penguin edition of Byron's letters and journals. But, disappointingly, he failed to find a publisher for his study of the Dukes of Urbino, or for his life of Carlyle. His work, it seems, though well reviewed, was a little too meticulously refined, for popular taste. But up until the end of his life, Gunn continued to write with a quiet rigour and imaginative delight.

He is survived by his wife, the author Elizabeth Gunn, and by a son.

MARY BEATRICE DE CARTERET MURRAY

Mary Beatrice de Carteret Murray died in Dorset on September 29 aged 81. She was born on October 13, 1913.



PERHAPS it was her birth date of Friday the 13th which contributed to the pronounced streak of pessimism in the character of Mary Beatrice de Carteret Murray (née Malet). She was born in Sekunderabad in the Deccan where her father, Robert Malet, was an officer in the 6th Pioneer Regiment. (Three years after Mary's birth he went off to begin the initial construction, later abandoned, of the infamous Burma Road.) Her mother, Constance (née Kidson), was 42 when Mary was born, the second of two daughters, a considerable age for child-bearing for a woman of her time and circumstances, but Constance Malet was a notably tough character who survived to the age of nearly 101. A reactionary Tory, she threw away in disgust the congratulatory centenary telegram she received from Barbara Castle, then the Secretary of State for Social Services, exclaiming: "I won't receive a telegram from *that* woman!"

She had met her husband in India en route to stay with a distant relation in Peking, where she was received by the Dowager Empress in a room ticking with numbers of carriage clocks and given a length of crimson satin embroidered with imperial emblems. It was to remain one of her proudest possessions.

Mary and her elder sister, Pauline, were brought up in Bournemouth, the once-fashionable South Coast resort, then favoured by the elderly rich for its reputation for conferring longevity. Like most of the children of Empire at the time, in their early years they were brought up separated from their parents — in the Malet girls' case by their formidable grandmother. It is hardly surprising, therefore, that Mary should have felt closer to her Dorset nanny, always known as "Na", than she did to her own family. Like many of the girls of her time, her life was shaped by the rules and snobberies of her family, which bound her as tightly as the feet of the Chinese women her mother had seen in Peking.

Once home from India her only escape from Bournemouth was to a finishing school in Paris which was situated next to the house occupied by the glamorous Prince Yussopov, recently notorious for his part in the murder of Rasputin. The girls used to hang out of the windows hoping for a glimpse of the handsome prince, blissfully unaware that he was totally uninterested in them. Mary learnt how to trim a hat, but her French barely progressed beyond the stage of "J'ai perdu le bouton de mes pantalons dans la rue de la Pompe." She had no ear for language or music but she loved clothes and the Parisian chic rubbed off on her. She was slim and elegant: *Tatler* was to describe her as "the prettiest girl in Hampshire". She longed to be a model, or mannequin as they were then called, but her mother ruled that ladies did not work.

Her escape from the confines of the family home came through her marriage in 1935 to a penniless but amusing artillery officer, Hilary Hayes, always in those Wodehousian days known as "Crusher" because he had boxed for the Army. With him she lived the carefree life of an Army wife in colonial Peshawar and Singapore; a round of parties, golf and sightseeing expeditions.

That life ended in the summer of 1940 when Mary and her 18-month-old daughter, Sarah, were shipped back home, following Hilary who had been posted as an artillery instructor on Salisbury Plain. After a bomb fell on the local department store, Beale's, shattering placid Bournemouth, Mary took refuge with Malet cousins at their remote Somerset house, Chargot. She was always proud of her connections with the Malets, one of the families who famously came over with the Conqueror — her own branch of the family came from Jersey. It was at Chargot that she met her second husband, the distinguished New Zealand-born architect and designer, Keith Murray. They were married after her divorce from Hayes in January 1948, with Josiah Wedgwood, Keith's friend and patron, as best man. Their daughter, Constance, was born later that year.

Despite, or perhaps because of, her urban upbringing, Mary preferred village life and was happiest in country surroundings, spending the last 30 years of her life in a Dorset village, Tarrat Gunville, with a circle of particular friends. She espoused local causes, opposing every move to despoil the countryside and sadly regretting the decline in village life, the closure of first the school, then the post office, the village shop and, finally, the pub. For this she blamed the Conservatives, the party which she had once loyally supported, and detested Margaret Thatcher, whose birthday she shared. When she died the village turned out in force for her funeral despite appalling weather.

She is survived by her two daughters.

PETER KIRKPATRICK

Peter Kirkpatrick, oarsman, died on October 6 aged 79. He was born on August 24, 1916.



FOR sixty years Peter Crichton Kirkpatrick pursued his passion for rowing with a skill and dedication which was to earn him a place as one of the most distinguished oarsmen on the Thames. His interest in the sport never diminished from his youth when, as a pupil at Monkton Combe, near Bath, he represented the school at Henley in 1934 and 1935 (reaching, in the earlier year, the semi-final of the Ladies Plate), until much more recent times. Almost until his death a major event was seldom held on the Tideway without Kirkpatrick being found on the balcony of the Thames Rowing Club, an animated spectator and entertaining host.

Geoffrey Page, the club's historian, was always to remember Kirkpatrick's prowess long after his days as a top-level competitor were past. "Nearly half a century later I still retain a visual memory of this tall, powerful man stroking with great authority," he said. "He was always in total command of his crews and was never ruffled. Taught to row along traditional orthodox lines, he became a perfect exponent of classic Tideway Fairbairn rowing at its best." Kirkpatrick remained a vice-president and trustee of the club until his death.

His involvement with Thames Rowing Club began when he left school. He rowed in the club's Henley Royal Regatta Thames Cup and Grand Eights crews in 1937 and 1939 and for his college, Queens' College, Cambridge, in 1938. He also received a trial cap at Cambridge.

During the war Kirkpatrick served in the Manchester Regiment and in the Yorkshire and Lancashire Regiment both in Greece and Italy. He rose to the rank of major. But once the war was over he went back to his rowing career.

He stroked the Thames RC Stewards Fours to Henley wins in 1947 and 1948, doubling up in the latter year as stroke of the club's Grand Eight, another winning crew. The 1947 and 1948 Thames four was also selected to represent Britain in the European Championships and the Olympics, in both cases failing to reach the finals, but in the 1950 Empire Games the Thames four linked up with Leander in an eight and won a bronze for England. Kirkpatrick's final major rowing success came with a third Henley Stewards Four win in 1951.

Off the water, Kirkpatrick began work with ICI just before the war and, after hostilities, was one of the first members of the newly formed ICI Fibres Division. He remained with the company until 1967 when he joined the Post Office where he was involved with marketing and overseas licensing. He then moved to BT, with whom he remained until his retirement. He retained a relationship with them, working subsequently as a consultant.

He was unmarried.

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HEALING SESSION AT BRADFORD.

(From Our Correspondent)

Bradford, Oct. 13

The first service of a mission of spiritual healing at Frizinghall Parish Church, Bradford, officially recognized by the Bishop of Bradford (Dr. Perowne), was conducted today by Mr. J.M. Hickson, the Australian missioner. Many sick and suffering people attended.

Mrs. S.H. Pinfold, of 34, Wigan-street, Bradford, who for two years has been suffering from rheumatoid arthritis in both her legs, went to the service with crutches and left with them. Upon leaving the refreshment marquee in the churchyard, however, and approaching the church gate, she paused and asked her attendant to take her crutches, as she intended to walk to the motor-car which was waiting to take her home. Amid the cheers of a large crowd, Mrs. Pinfold haltingly, but unaided, walked to the car, and when the attendant offered to help her in she replied: "I can manage." She is 60 years of age, has been in Bradford Royal Infirmary thrice, and undergone two operations. This evening she went to meet her husband coming from work. She says that she never intends to use her crutches again. She acknowledges that recently she has felt an improvement in her condition, but nothing like that experienced at the mission service, and although not expecting a complete cure immediately she expects a gradual improvement.

Many other sufferers said they felt much better and stronger after the service. It was a pathetic sight to see invalids being brought into the church on stretchers, in bath chairs, or being carried. They were cared for by doctors and nurses, and given places in the chancel and the front pews. Stretcher cases were placed immediately in front of the choir stalls. The Rev. J.H. Warner, vicar of Frizinghall, conducted a preliminary service, and Mr. Hickson gave an address. Mr. Hickson then knelt by the stretchers and laid his hands on each patient as he offered a prayer for their recovery.

Following him the Bishop pronounced a blessing upon the sufferers, who were then removed from the church. The stretcher cases having been dealt with, others less severe were ministered to, until nearly 400 had been dealt with. Particularly pathetic was the sight of mothers, with babes in their arms, kneeling at the altar steps and holding little ones for Mr. Hickson to pray over and for the Bishop to bless. Most of the mothers were crying and clergy in the choir-stalls, who as intercessors prayed throughout the service, had tears streaming down their faces.

In his address, Mr. Hickson said he did not come to heal sufferers. He had no such power; behind the act of faith of the laying on of hands was the power of Jesus Christ. Spiritual healing was as old as Christianity, and the Church was trying to revive something very old and very precious. The fact that there were incurables showed the need for something more than medical science, and if the Church failed to reveal the person of Jesus she failed in her mission.

ON THIS DAY

October 14, 1924

This healing mission held in a Yorkshire parish church with the "official recognition" of the Bishop of Bradford proved an affecting occasion. Even the clergy in the choir stalls were moved to tears.

NEWS

Major rallies Tories for battle

■ John Major yesterday widened the political divide with Tony Blair over education, crime and the economy as he put the Tories on a war footing for a general election in which he promised they could achieve the final defeat of socialism. He staked out the election battleground in a passionate rallying cry to the Conservative conference in Blackpool ..... **Pages 1, 2, 10, 11, 21**

Briton wins Nobel in nuclear protest

■ Professor Joseph Rotblat, 86, a British physicist, was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, in a specific protest by the Nobel committee against French nuclear testing. Professor Joseph Rotblat, 86, of the Pugwash Conferences on Science and World Affairs, is Britain's first winner of the prize for 15 years.. **Page 1**

VC pay rise

The payment to holders of the Victoria Cross and the George Cross was increased from £100 a year to £1,300 ..... **Page 1**

Lover went in fear

A female lover of both Rosemary and Frederick West went in fear of them in the days before she vanished, a jury was told ..... **Page 3**

Husband sought

Police were looking for Brahim Aberdour, estranged husband of the woman found stabbed to death with her daughter and her parents in north London..... **Page 3**

Gurkhas to the rescue

The Gurkhas may make up a shortfall in the Army caused by "soft" school-leavers declining the call to arms ..... **Page 5**

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The Diabetic Society faces collapse after being ordered to pay court costs of more than £560,000 to a rival charity..... **Page 6**

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Kathleen Harbottle, 71, refuses to leave her cottage in Easington, Co Durham, so developers are to build an estate around it... **Page 7**

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Iain Glen, 33, the Royal Shakespeare Company's newest star, says he will not be tempted by Hollywood ..... **Page 9**

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Four German neo-Nazi sympathisers were jailed for setting fire to a Turkish home, killing five women and girls..... **Page 12**

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Saddam Hussein, the sole presidential candidate, will be returned by an overwhelming majority in a referendum..... **Page 13**

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President Clinton all but endorsed a controversial black rally in Washington organised by Louis Farrakhan ..... **Page 14**

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■ *Traditional hymns have been ousted from a new Methodist* book of "songs for worship" for the under-eights that thanks God "For micro chips, for oven chips, computer chips." It is the fruit of representatives of all the main denominations..... **Pages 2, 21**

GARY ANTHONY



Maja Skoric, 6, a Sarajevo war victim treated in Edinburgh, with her mother Hankija and sister Adriana

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The allies must remain attentive to humanitarian obligations in Bosnia. No one should stop protesting about violations and protecting victims — *The Washington Post*

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Guard duty: *In the Company of Men* is a three-part film about the Army by award-winning director Molly Dineen. Thursday, BBC2, 9pm

Film of the Week: John Huston's horror-comic adaptation of Flannery O'Connor's Bible-belt novel, *Wise Blood*. Saturday, BBC2, 11.55pm

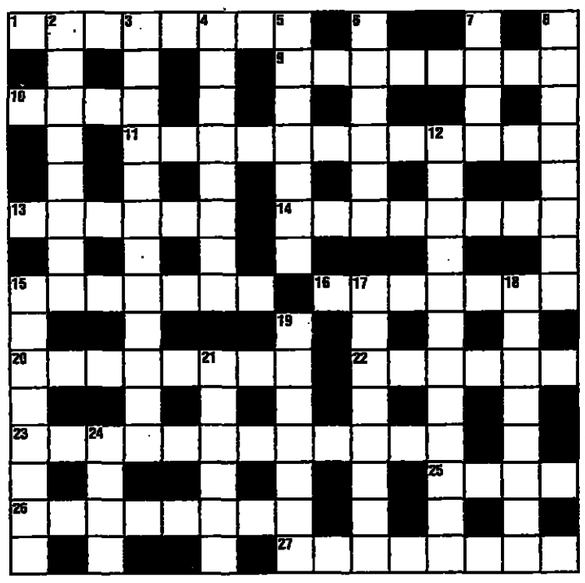
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1 Outspoken writer given discharge without penalty (4-4).
9 Remove unwanted products from forage (8).
10 Yank is a fool (4).
11 Where people can plainly be seen to be giving a favourable impression (2,1,4,5).
13 Tried to be kind to the audience (6).
14 Betraying an informer (4-4).
15 The way I escaped being killed (7).
16 The grass is short here, giving reasonable access (7).
20 Stick to the French class (8).
22 First appearance in prison? Make contact with advocate (6).
23 Working pros, sure to be unruly (12).
25 Russian leader getting out of bed (4).
26 West End workers keep strange pets (8).
27 In the denouement, each new novel could be improved (8).

DOWN

2 Rebuke old-fashioned vet (5.3).
3 Pleasing impression of beginning to work (6.6).
4 Humorous exchange of notes about standard English (8).
5 Kinky corsets for the Guards? (7).
6 Naval manoeuvre involving many a destroyer (6).
7 Lion, in play, is well-enclosed (4).
8 The early variety has to be tough (8).
12 Don't start the season by giving up prayer (12).
15 Go away from the heart of Somerset for thrills (3,5).
17 Approximation usually made from 16 (8).
18 Truthful article about a priest (8).
19 It's the end of the month — relax! (7).
21 A rendezvous for 17 (6).
24 Forward succeeded in front of goal (4).

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LAST WEEK'S WINNERS: T W McLean, Wakefield; T Gibson, Sunderland; B J Gardner, Betchworth, Surrey; J Filkin, Windermere, Cumbria; G A Lancashire, Ormskirk, Lancs.

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12.58 pm	9.55 pm

Last quarter October 16

London 6.11 pm to 7.24 am
Bristol 6.20 pm to 7.33 am
Edinburgh 6.16 pm to 7.43 am
Manchester 6.16 pm to 7.35 am
Penzance 6.34 pm to 7.43 am

TOMORROW

Sun rises	Sun sets
7.24 am	6.09 pm
Moon sets	**Moon rises**
1.41 pm	10.48 pm

Last quarter tomorrow

London 6.09 pm to 7.26 am
Bristol 6.18 pm to 7.35 am
Edinburgh 6.14 pm to 7.45 am
Manchester 6.14 pm to 7.37 am
Penzance 6.32 pm to 7.45 am

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	4:31	6.82	4:56	6.51
Aberdeen	4:19	3.88	4:45	3.93
Avonmouth	9:57	11.65	10:15	11.16
Belfast	1:54	3.28	2:16	3.38
Cardiff	9:52	10.96	10:11	10.44
Devonport	8:32	5.03	8:41	4.71
Dover	1:45	6.19	1:54	6.02
Dublin	2:27	3.77	2:31	3.78
Falmouth	8:14	4.63	8:27	4.25
Glasgow	3:53	4.18	4:07	4.43
Harwich	6:30	3.26	2:35	3.74
Holyhead	1:04	5.93	1:21	5.51
Hull	9:15	6.86	9:24	6.56
Ilfracombe	8:41	9.10	2:02	8.71
King's Lynn	9:40	5.78	9:36	5.65
Leith	5:25	5.01	5:41	4.82
Liverpool	1:55	8.82	2:09	8.28
Lowestoft	0:03	3.33	12:34	3.39
Margate	2:41	4.36	2:55	4.36
Milford Haven	3:34	6.20	9:06	5.83
Newquay	8:56	5.34	9:06	5.07
Oban	8:13	3.63	8:48	3.35
Penzance	7:37	4.82	7:55	4.64
Portland	9:09	1.77	9:31	1.56
Portsmouth	2:08	4.39	2:23	4.33
Shoreham	1:56	6.65	2:01	5.52
Southampton	1:33	4.19	1:52	4.15
Swansea	9:06	8.46	9:25	8.10
Tees	6:39	4.76	6:56	4.69
Wilton-on-Nze	2:22	3.88	2:42	3.83

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Jersey, and Northolt, west London, 22C (72F); lowest day max: Lerwick, Shetland 9C (48F); highest rainfall: Eskdalemuir, Dumfries & Galloway 1.1in; highest sunshine: Jersey 9.3hr

FORECAST

☐ **General:** England and Wales will have a generally dry day, with spells of hazy sunshine, once the overnight mist and fog has cleared. There could well be a few dense patches of fog around first thing in the morning, but these will soon clear. Scotland and Northern Ireland will start fairly cloudy, but will become brighter later. Northern Scotland will have outbreaks of rain but will become drier during the morning. Shetland will have a wet day.

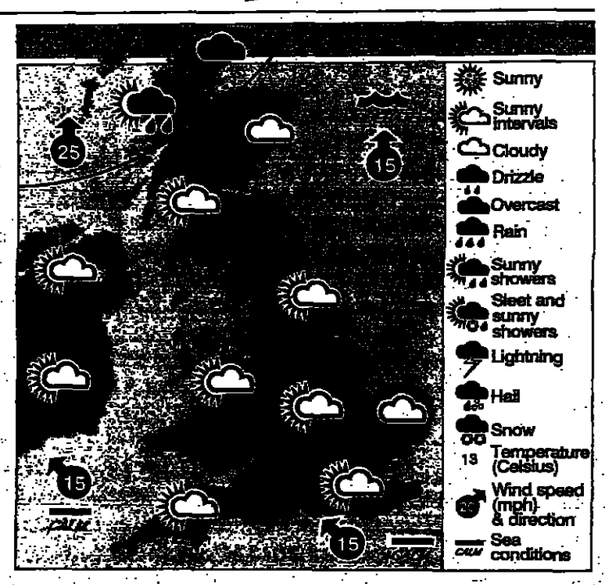
☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, Central S England, Midlands, E England, Channel Isles, SW England, Central N England:** mainly dry with sunny spells after early fog clears. Wind light southerly. Warm. Maximum temperature 21C (70F).

☐ **Wales, NW England, Lake District, NE England:** fog clearing as sunny spells develop. Wind light, south to southeast. Max 19C (66F).

☐ **Isle of Man, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll, Northern Ireland:** cloud breaking to give sunny spells. Wind light to moderate southerly. Max 18C (64F).

☐ **Moray Firth, NE Scotland, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** rain clearing all but Shetland, sunny spells later. Wind moderate southerly. Max 15C (59F).

☐ **Outlook for tomorrow and Monday:** sunny spells after the fog clears. Rain in the north and west later.



AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

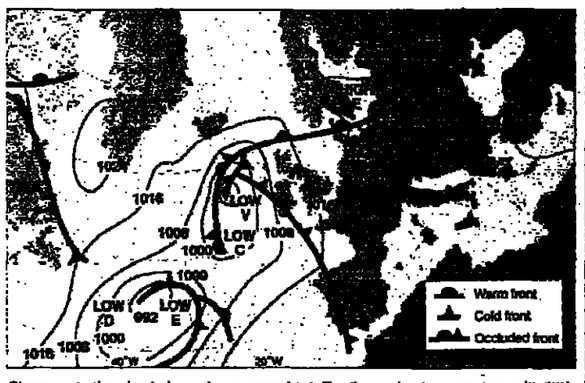
24 hrs to 5 pm. b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	-	0.48	12	54	r
Anglesey	-	-	15	59	c
Aspatria	X				
Aviemore	-	0.22	12	54	r
Belfast	0.2	0.35	17	63	c
Birmingham	1.8	-	17	63	c
Bognor R	2.8	-	19	66	b
Bournem'th	5.0	-	19	66	s
Bristol	3.3	-	20	68	s
Buxton	0.4	-	14	57	c
Cardiff	2.2	-	18	64	b
Clacton	-	0.02	18	61	c
Colwyn Bay	0.8	-	18	64	c
Cromer	3.0	-	17	63	b
Doncaster	X				
Dunbar	X				
Eastbourne	2.7	-	18	64	s
Edinburgh	-	0.83	13	55	d
Eskdalemuir	-	1.1	14	57	fg
Exmouth	0.3	-	16	61	c
Falmouth	-	-	15	59	c
Fishguard	0.6	0.01	16	61	d
Folkestone	4.4	-	19	66	s
Glasgow	0.1	1.01	14	57	r
Guernsey	8.2	-	21	70	s
Hastings	3.4	-	17	63	fg
Hayling I.	2.7	-	18	64	b
Herne Bay	5.0	-	20	68	hg
Hove	5.4	-	19	66	b
Hunstanton	2.0	-	17	63	fg
Isle of Man	1.2	0.02	16	61	c
Jersey	9.3	-	22	72	s
Kinloss	0.2	0.20	11	52	r
Leeds	-	-	17	63	c
Lerwick	1.0	-	9	48	c
Leuchars	-	0.49	13	55	r
Littlehmptn	4.1	-	19	66	s
Liverpool	0.2	-	16	61	c
London	8.4	-	22	72	s
Lowestoft	-	-	15	59	fg
Manchester	0.4	-	16	61	du
Margate	3.9	-	18	64	s
Minehead	3.8	-	19	66	b
Morecambe	-	-	16	61	du
Newcastle	X				
Newquay	2.1	-	17	63	b
Norwich	2.1	-	17	63	fg
Nottingham	X				
Oxford	4.0	-	19	66	s
Penzance	X	-	15	59	fg
Plymouth	X				
Poole	4.2	-	19	66	s
Prestatyn	X	-	18	64	c
Ross-o-wye	2.1	-	19	66	c
Salcombe	1.2	-	17	63	c
Sandown	-	-	17	63	c
Seaton Sed	4.3	-	19	66	s
Scarboro'	X				
Shrewsbury	0.2	-	16	61	c
Skegness	-	-	16	61	c
Southend	3.0	0.01	18	64	fg
Southport	-	-	16	61	c
Southsea	2.5	-	18	64	b
Stornoway	0.1	0.23	11	52	r
Swanage	0.6	-	16	61	c
Teignmouth	-	-	17	63	du
Tenby	0.8	-	17	63	du
Tiree	0.1	0.58	15	59	r
Torquay	0.1	-	17	63	c
Tynemouth	5.9	-	19	66	b
Ventnor	2.1	-	17	63	b
Weymouth	2.2	-	17	63	c

ABROAD

Ajaccio	23	73	s	Corfu	24	75	s	Madrid	20	68	s
Alicante	25	77	s	C'phagn	14	57	c	Majorca	24	75	f
Alex'dria	26	79	f	Dublin	16	61	c	Malaga	23	73	s
Algiers	25	77	f	Dubrovnik	23	73	s	Malta	23	73	c
Amst'dm	15	59	c	Faro	24	75	s	Melb'rne	15	59	f
Athens	25	77	s	Florence	22	72	s	Mexico C	18	64	s
B Aires	18	61	r	Frankfurt	17	63	c	Milan	20	68	s
Bahrain	34	93	s	Funchal	22	72	f	Montreal	22	72	s
Bangkok	30	86	r	Geneva	18	64	s	Moscow	10	50	s
Barbados	30	86	s	Gibraltar	22	72	s	Munich	15	59	c
Barcelona	20	68	c	Helsinki	14	57	s	N Delhi	32	90	r
Beirut	25	77	s	Hong K	25	77	f	N York	25	77	s
Belgrade	24	75	s	Innsbruck	19	66	s	Nairobi	26	79	c
Berlin	17	63	c	Istanbul	21	70	s	Naples	26	79	s
Bermuda	X			Jeddah	35	95	s	Nice	23	73	s
Biarritz	25	77	s	Jo'burg	X			Oslo	14	57	s
Borde'x	23	73	s	Karachi	41	106	s	Paris	16	61	c
Brussels	19	66	s	L Angels	33	73	s	Peking	18	64	r
Budapst	23	73	s	L Palmas	25	77	f	Perth	21	70	s
Cairo	37	91	f	Le Tquet	19	66	s	Prague	12	54	d
Capo Tn	12	54	f	Lisbon	24	75	s	Reykjavik	3	37	c
Ch'church	7	45	c	Locarno	20	68	s	Rhodes	24	75	s
Chicago	25	79	s	Luxembg	15	59	c	Rio de J	25	79	f
Cologne	17	63	c	Luxor	32	90	s	Riyadh	37	99	s
Rome	23	73	s
S Fr'isco	17	63	s
S Paulo	24	75	s
Salzburg	17	63	f
Santiago	16	61	f
Seoul	25	77	s
Sing'por	31	88	f
St'kholm	19	66	s
Strasb'rg	16	61	c
Sydney	24	75	f
Tangier	26	79	s
Tel Aviv	28	79	f
Tenerife	26	79	s
Tokyo	23	73	s
Toronto	26	79	s
Tunis	24	75	c
Valencia	22	72	f
Vanc'ver	11	52	c
Venice	21	70	s
Vienna	22	72	s
Warsaw	14	57	c
Wash'ton	26	79	s
Wellington	11	52	x
Zurich	15	59	c

Temperatures at midday local time. X = not available



Changes to the chart above from noon: high E will remain slow-moving, with little change in pressure. Low V will be absorbed in low C, and continue to drift northwest, followed by low D and low E, which will lose its identity

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MIKE SCOTT

A royal welcome as the Queen and Kun Hee Lee, the chairman of Samsung, share a joke at the Cleveland plant opening yesterday

Samsung's royal launch

BY COLIN NARBROUGH

SAMSUNG, the South Korean industrial conglomerate, has acquired a west London site for its planned £80 million European headquarters in one of the biggest property deals in the region this year.

The purchase of the 8.83 acre former Trico site on the Great West Road, Brentford, was announced yesterday in conjunction with the royal opening of Samsung's £450 million electronics complex at Wynyard Park at Billingham, Cleveland. The London HQ complex is expected to create 500 jobs by 2000.

The Queen and Kun Hee Lee, the Samsung chairman, each pulled a lever to start production lines for microwave ovens and computer monitors at the plant, which will create 3,000 jobs by the end of the century.

The Queen said Teesside had a proud record of success in attracting inward investment. Kwang Ho Kim, the Samsung vice-chairman and chief executive, said the complex would become "one of the most important production centres in the world".

Samsung, with a turnover of $64 billion last year, is one of the world's biggest corporations.

Norwich to pay float bonuses of up to £700

BY PATRICIA TEHAN, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

NORWICH UNION is likely to pay bonuses of an average of up to £700 to 2.5 million qualifying life insurance policyholders when it seeks a £2 billion stock market flotation.

The bonus payments are expected to be made in free shares when the UK's second biggest mutual insurance company becomes the first to come to the stock market, some time in 1997.

A flotation would enable Norwich Union to take part in the widespread consolidation in the financial services industry. It would use the opportunity to raise extra capital.

The bonus estimations, by an independent actuary using calculations based on embedded value and goodwill, would put Norwich Union payments in line with those paid by building societies to their members recently.

Allan Bridgewater, chief executive of Norwich Union, confirmed that the insurer had been studying the possibility of demutualisation and flotation and that the board had come to a preliminary view "that this course of action would produce significant benefits to members of The Norwich Union Life Insurance Society and assist the overall development of Norwich Union."

He said: "This is a highly complex matter and a great deal of technical and legal work has to be done before a final decision can be made."

Mr Bridgewater said Norwich Union had £33 billion of assets under management and major operations in life and pensions, general insurance and healthcare. In view of the amount of work still to be done, he said it would be well into next year before a further statement could be made. Norwich Union is expected to inform members at its annual meeting in mid-May. It is understood to be seeking ways of ensuring that all life insurance policyholders benefit from a demutualisation.

The two million policyholders with with-profits policies will get the largest payouts as they have a different status as members of the mutual insurance society. But those with unitised and non-profits policies who also have voting rights as members are also likely to benefit in some, smaller, way. In total, Norwich Union has 3.3 million life and pension policyholders with voting rights who would benefit in some way — that is 2.5 million individuals.

Norwich Union has not closed its doors to new members to prevent speculative investments. However, it said that since life insurance policies involve a long-term financial commitment of up to 25 years, the firm "would not recommend anyone to open a contract without taking financial advice. You are talking about making a long-term commitment and that might have tax implications".

The insurer has appointed advisers to examine the legal and actuarial implications of demutualisation and is working towards a flotation in 1997.

The mutual life insurance industry is expected to be next to follow the demutualisation route taken by building societies. Abbey National was first to convert in 1989. Halifax is planning a flotation late next year or early 1997. Alliance & Leicester, Nationwide and the Woolwich are considering whether to become banks.

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Bonn to fund large aircraft

The German Government has told Daimler-Benz that it is ready to provide DM4.3 billion towards the development of the future large aircraft (FLA).

Bonn's decision on funding the scheme, which involves aircraft makers in several European countries, including British Aerospace, was disclosed yesterday by Edmund Stoiber, the Bavarian state premier.

A clear German position should open the way for funding decisions in other capitals and help Daimler to reach early decisions about its restructuring of DASA, its loss-making aerospace division.

Buyout talks

British Coal has entered into discussions with management buyout teams seeking to acquire the corporation's two solid fuels businesses, the last major trading operations to be offered for sale. David Port and other senior executives have formed Heptagon Ltd to buy British Fuels and British Fuels (Oils). Managers of Cawoods of Northern Ireland are in talks with British Coal to buy the company.

Schroders leap

Schroders shares leapt 88p yesterday to close at £13.68 on speculation that one of the last remaining independent merchant banks might be talking to a possible buyer. However, an analyst said the speculation was because Schroders is in the middle of a review of its investment banking business — a process it goes through every three or four years.

Paper deal

Hollinger exercised its option yesterday to acquire 7 million shares of The Telegraph, publisher of *The Daily Telegraph* and its Sunday sister, at 450p a share. The purchase, which raises Hollinger's interest in the Telegraph from 58.2 per cent to 63.3 per cent, cost about £31.5 million.

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Shares end week near record high

BY MICHAEL CLARK, STOCK MARKET CORRESPONDENT

SHARE prices on the London stock market extended Thursday's sharp gains, with the FT-SE 100 index coming within a whisker of its highest levels ever. It ended the day 44.2 up at 3,568, less than three points below its closing all-time high, as Wall Street scored gains with the help of some favourable US retail sales figures. However, the FT-SE 100 index failed to hold on to a one-time 60.9 point advance as some investors took profits ahead of the weekend.

The latest advance stretched the rise of the past two days to 94 points, easily wiping out Tuesday's 50-point fall. The rise on the week is 41.5 points. Second line shares also posted gains, though their advance was more modest. The FT-SE Mid 250 index ended up 8.9 at 3,945.3, but failed to make up lost ground earlier in the week as it finished 33.7 points lower on the week.

Equities continue to be underpinned by bid speculation, with the banks coming under further scrutiny as brokers face up to the possibility of further takeovers within the industry. This follows the news earlier this week of the proposed £13.6 billion merger between LLoyds Bank and TSB Group. Leading share prices were also pushed higher by a bear squeeze in the December FT-SE futures contract.

Government bonds scored gains of almost £1, cheered by the latest distributive trades survey from the CBI.

Colorvision credit licence under threat

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

COLORVISION, the electrical retailer, is assembling a defence to a threat from the Office of Fair Trading that could jeopardise its business.

The OFT said yesterday that it might revoke Colorvision's consumer credit licence. The company, which is heavily dependent on credit facilities in its 83 stores, has until November 3 to respond to 43 consumer complaints passed to the OFT by trading standards offices.

Thirty of those complaints, which largely relate to the advertising of credit facilities, had been made by the last time Colorvision renewed its credit licence with the OFT in November 1993. Alan Tinger, managing director, said the company had taken action in response to the complaints, including more staff training.

Mr Tinger said Colorvision was shocked by the OFT's announcement. "We understood that if there were future complaints the OFT would contact us rather than take this action. We will be mounting a very robust defence to the accusations."

Colorvision has been has been prosecuted for trading standards transgressions, including three occasions at Oldham magistrates court. Andrew Glover, principal trading officer at Oldham, said the prosecutions, in which the highest fine levied was £2,000, involved misleading representations of credit terms.

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Rover may start spares business

BY COLIN NARBROUGH

ROVER, the carmaking group whose £165 million offer for Unipart, its former parts subsidiary, was flatly rejected earlier this year, is on the verge of setting up its own spares distribution arm instead.

The relationship between Rover and John Neill, the Unipart chief executive who currently earns £490,000 a year, has not been good and the carmaker is also considering whether grounds exist for terminating its exclusive spares agreement with Unipart.

The main concerns at Rover are about Mr Neill's management of the company, its performance and increasing focus on the UK market, with heavy reliance on the Rover dealer network. Unipart, a management buyout in 1987, is seen by many as a success story. Its half-year profits this year, however, were only £16.2 million on turnover of £422.5 million.

Mr Neill said he would refuse all offers from Rover, but is believed to be holding out for an increased offer for the 80 per cent of Unipart that Rover does not own. Crucially, his blessing is required for any substantial sale of shares in Unipart, which is widely regarded as a model of employee share ownership. It employs 3,000, mainly in the Oxford area.

So far, the City institutions with stakes in Unipart have backed Mr Neill. But there are signs that his City backers, which include Electra, Fleming, Standard Life, 3i and CINven, fear that Rover will walk away from trying to buy back Unipart and start a spares business from scratch to compete with it.

Rover and Unipart are maintaining a silence on the bid and subsequent developments, but City institutions have been told by Rover the company is "no longer in a mind to push for Unipart".

Some 70 per cent of Unipart's business is in Rover spares, for which it has exclusive distribution rights until 2002. Rover estimates that it would cost £200 million to set up its own spares business.

BMW shares Rover's view that spares must form a seamless fit with the carmaking side of the business. In the absence of Mr Neill returning to discuss the offer he rejected, Rover now believes it imperative to look at its other options.

BUSINESS TODAY

FT-SE 100	3568.0	(+44.2)
Yield	3.95%	
FT-SE A All share	1754.15	(+18.73)
Nikkei	17888.88	(-90.57)
New York		
Dow Jones	4797.39	(+32.51)*
S&P Composite	586.25	(+3.15)*
Federal Funds	5¹⁵/₁₆%	(5¹³/₁₆%)
Long Bond	107²⁶/₃₂	(106²⁸/₃₂)
Yield	6.31%*	(6.40%)
3-mth interbank	6⁵/₁₆%	(6⁵/₁₆%)
Lilfe long gilt future (Dec)	105³³	(105¹)
New York		
$	1.5730*	(1.5770)
London:		
$	1.5731	(1.5735)
DM	2.2479	(2.2365)
FFr	7.8180	(7.7950)
SFr	1.8177	(1.8141)
Yen	158.42	(157.78)
£ Index	84.5	(84.2)
London:		
DM	1.4306*	(1.4172)
FFr	4.9800*	(4.9460)
SFr	1.1584*	(1.1485)
Yen	100.80*	(100.15)
$ Index	92.9	(92.7)
Tokyo close Yen 100.40		
Brent 15-day (Dec)	$15.86	($15.70)
London close	$384.25	($384.70)

* denotes midday trading price

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Is Guinness good for GrandMet?

Perhaps you should buy some shares in Grand Metropolitan. After all, almost everybody else has.

The rerating (a polite word that covers a multitude of sins) of the House that Maxwell Joseph built, but would no longer recognise, started in mid-August. That was when the company held a presentation for fund managers at SBC Warburg which highlighted the continuing benefits of its $6.5 billion acquisition of Pillsbury, the nucleus of the company's US food division.

Even Cazenove, GrandMet's broker, was reputed to have been impressed by the show and, within the space of two days, the company's share price rose almost 20p to 412½p compared with a low of 352p earlier this year. Buy circulars from the likes of Salomon Brothers and Goldman Sachs did nothing to harm and, as the price moved higher, a perennial rumour did the rounds. GrandMet, so the tale went, was poised to sell Burger King, the franchise retail operation that came with Pillsbury. There was precious little goodwill between Pillsbury ("The Ice") based in Minneapolis and its offshoot Burger King ("The Vice") based in Miami but, under GrandMet's ownership, certain management problems ceased. People, as they say, came and went.

It was Ian Martin, of GrandMet, who was originally given the task of ensuring that GrandMet's $6 billion investment paid off. Martin emerged as chief executive of Pillsbury, identified the likes of Häagen-Dazs for international treatment and displayed greater faith in Burger King's potential than the Ice-men had.

Analysts on both sides of the Atlantic have credited much of Pillsbury's success to the initial stewardship of Martin, who was widely expected to take up the reins at GrandMet in succession to chairman Lord Sheppard. In the event, Martin, GrandMet's former deputy chairman, lost out in a power struggle with George Bull, chief executive. Early last year, Martin let it be known that he had resigned from GrandMet in order to establish a new venture.

The new venture was Glenisla Group, a private enterprise financed by Kholberg Kravis Roberts & Co, the Wall Street buyout specialists. Martin is chairman, chief executive and joint founder of Glenisla which, according to last February's blurb, "will be opportunistic in seeking out undervalued situations in the UK and western Europe in a wide range of consumer and non-consumer industries.



MELVYN MARCKUS

This may include adopting a 'build-up' approach, in which acquisitions are used to build a major presence in an otherwise fragmented industry, or, as appropriate, more substantial acquisitions of established businesses".

KKR's $25 billion takeover of RJR Nabisco in 1989 was the largest bid in corporate history, representing the climax to Wall Street's leveraged buyout boom of the Eighties. It was this bid, financed almost entirely by debt of the junk variety, that spawned the book *Barbarians at the Gate*.

When Martin and KKR teamed up, Henry R Kravis, a founding partner of KKR, declared: "We are delighted to be participating in this European initiative and to be working with Ian Martin, an accomplished and highly respected manager with wide international experience in the acquisition, restructuring and management of both consumer and industrial companies."

All good stuff but, it has to be pointed out, Glenisla has yet to do a deal. Martin, for his part, has also taken on the chairmanship of Unigate, the UK dairy product specialist.

Meanwhile, the message from George Bull, shortly before GrandMet's end-September financial year, was that second-half trading conditions were broadly unchanged. Bull reported that the Pillsbury food business had seen volumes rise 8 per cent excluding the effects of acquisitions. Burger King had achieved same-store sales growth of 6 per cent, although trading had been disappointing in the UK and continental Europe. On the belief that no news is good news, GrandMet's quote rose to 430p.

Since then, speculation about a bid and break-up of GrandMet has persisted. Lord Sheppard, chairman of GrandMet, is due to retire next year and management reshuffles invariably herald bullish noises, from those who go out and from those who come in. GrandMet categorically denies any plans to dispose of Burger King, which only serves to lend credence to the takeover speculation.

Tony Greener, Guinness's chairman, has always argued that any acquisitive expansion would focus on the company's core business. On the face of it, this rules out the mooted £6 a share knockout bid for GrandMet which would capitalise the company at around £12 billion. But what if Guinness and KKR launched a joint takeover bid for GrandMet, with IDV (the jewel in GrandMet's crown) going to Guinness, with the non-spirit interests broken up by Martin at KKR? Rumours such as these sent GrandMet's shares up a further 13p to a near 1995 high of 454p yesterday. Some 14 million shares changed hands ... for one reason or another.

Long-term N&P savers to get £800 bid windfall

By Patricia Tehan, Banking Correspondent

ABBEY NATIONAL will spell out the terms of its £1.35 billion acquisition of National & Provincial Building Society to N&P's 1.34 million qualifying investors and borrowers on Monday.

The 860,000 people who have held savings accounts for at least two years before an N&P qualifying date — understood to be January 1, 1996 — will receive a cash payment of about £800 on top of £500 of Abbey shares already announced. That means an average payment to those longer-term savers of £1,300.

The accounts must remain open until the deal is completed. It is expected to take effect next July or August.

Abbey and N&P agreed the deal in July after N&P held discussions with a group of five potential takeover or merger partners. A formal transfer document will be sent out to members qualified to vote in March. The document will also be part prospectus for Abbey shares, since part of the payment will be made in shares. It will provide full detail of the takeover plans. The plans must be approved by N&P's members at a special meeting, to be held in early April.

N&P stopped opening share accounts on April 28, to prevent a rush of speculative investors.



Lyons: widened search

All 1.34 million savers and borrowers will receive the flat-rate distribution of £500 of Abbey shares. The variable distribution, which will be worth around £700 million, will be given to an estimated 800,000 people who held balances in accounts on two particular dates, up to a maximum of £50,000.

Those dates are understood to be April 28, 1995 when N&P closed its doors to new share accounts, and next summer when the deal is completed. The calculation will be based on the lower of the balances on each of the two dates.

The transfer document is also expected to run through the merger or takeover options rejected by N&P as well as its reasons for recommending the offer from Abbey. Alastair Lyons, chief executive of N&P, is believed to have held merger discussions with the Nationwide Building Society before an approach from Abbey forced him to widen his search for a partner.

The longer-standing savers who are entitled to the variable distribution are not affected by restrictions in building societies legislation. This means that they can choose to take cash rather than shares, so Abbey is not yet sure by how much its shareholder base will increase.

Abbey converted from building society to bank status in 1989, the first building society to do so. It is expected to make special share dealing arrangements available for N&P members who want to sell their new Abbey shares immediately.

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Cyprus Cypf	0.750	0.695
Denmark Kr	9.39	8.48
Finland Mrk	7.31	6.66
France Fr	8.20	7.55
Germany Dm	2.39	2.18
Greece Dr	363.00	357.00
Hong Kong $	12.62	11.62
Ireland Pt	1.03	0.95
Israel Shk	5.1234	4.4734
Italy Lire	3816.00	2460.00
Japan Yen	172.00	156.00
Malta	0.597	0.542
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New Zealand $	2.52	2.30
Norway Kr	10.42	9.62
Portugal Esc	246.00	227.50
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Switzerland Fr	1.84	1.76
Turkey Lira	refer	75597.0
USA $	1.572	1.542

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Peugeot sales fall forces output cut

By Kevin Eason, Motoring Editor

PEUGEOT is cutting production at its British plant by up to 3,000 cars this month as the motor industry shows the first signs of suffering from uncertainty over economies at home and abroad.

Ford has already ordered output cuts at its plant at Halewood, on Merseyside, because sales of new cars have refused to grow this year in spite of hopes that the economy was to revive.

Registrations of new cars fell 3.4 per cent last month and the industry sees no signs of improvement, even though manufacturers are throwing more incentives at consumers than ever in the form of discounts, extra equipment and free insurance.

Halewood will lose production of 2,000 cars, worth about £18 million, this month to trim output of its Escort range — the best-selling model in the country — to weakening demand.

Exports are being squeezed at Peugeot after the market for new cars in France went into a sudden freefall. The Ryton plant at Coventry sends about a quarter of its 2,225-a-week output to France but total registrations there fell 9 per cent in August and 13 per cent last month.

The company will cancel as many as seven days' production this month and put 2,500 workers on maintenance or training. The drop took Peugeot by surprise after the company ordered assembly lines, which make the 306 model, to speed up from 1,600 cars a week earlier this year.

A spokesman for the company said: "We expanded to cope with demand which seems to have disappeared for the moment.

"France has taken a rather sudden dive which means we have to trim output but we hope that things will even themselves out soon with the British market, which is very flat, and France both picking up."

US group backs Rhino rights

By Philip Pangalos

ELECTRONICS BOUTIQUE Inc, the American multimedia retailer that runs a chain of 413 video games stores in the US and Canada, is again coming to the aid of Rhino Group, the UK computer and video games retailer.

EBI, which already owns 25 per cent of Rhino after acquiring the rump of its £3.7 million rescue rights issue in February, is underwriting a £9 million five-for-six rights issue, at 8p a share. As a result, EBI could end up with more than 30 per cent of Rhino, but will not be required by the Takeovers Panel to make an offer for the company.

Joe Firestone, EBI's president and chief executive, will succeed Richard Beecham as Rhino's non-executive chairman.

Rhino accompanied the cash call and management changes with a service agreement with EBI and plans to rebrand all Rhino's Future Zone stores as Electronic Boutique before Christmas. Rhino will carry out store refurbishments over the next few years, and, as part of a new trading policy, will introduce low pricing and guarantees to match any lower prices in other outlets in the same town.

EBI plans to open ten stores between Seoul in South Korea and Singapore within a year and has agreed to offer Rhino opportunities to expand into continental Europe.

Stock write-offs and reorganisation provisions saw Rhino slide to a pre-tax loss of £6.68 million in the six months to June 30, compared with a loss of £1.22 million last time, on turnover of £18.3 million (£17.4 million). The loss per share was 5.51p (1.27p loss). There is again no dividend.

Rhino's year end will change from December 31 to January 31. The company said that the rate of loss incurred in the first half have been stemmed and levels of trading are improving.

John Steinbrecher, managing director, is optimistic about prospects. He said the company's new marketing initiatives were being well received.

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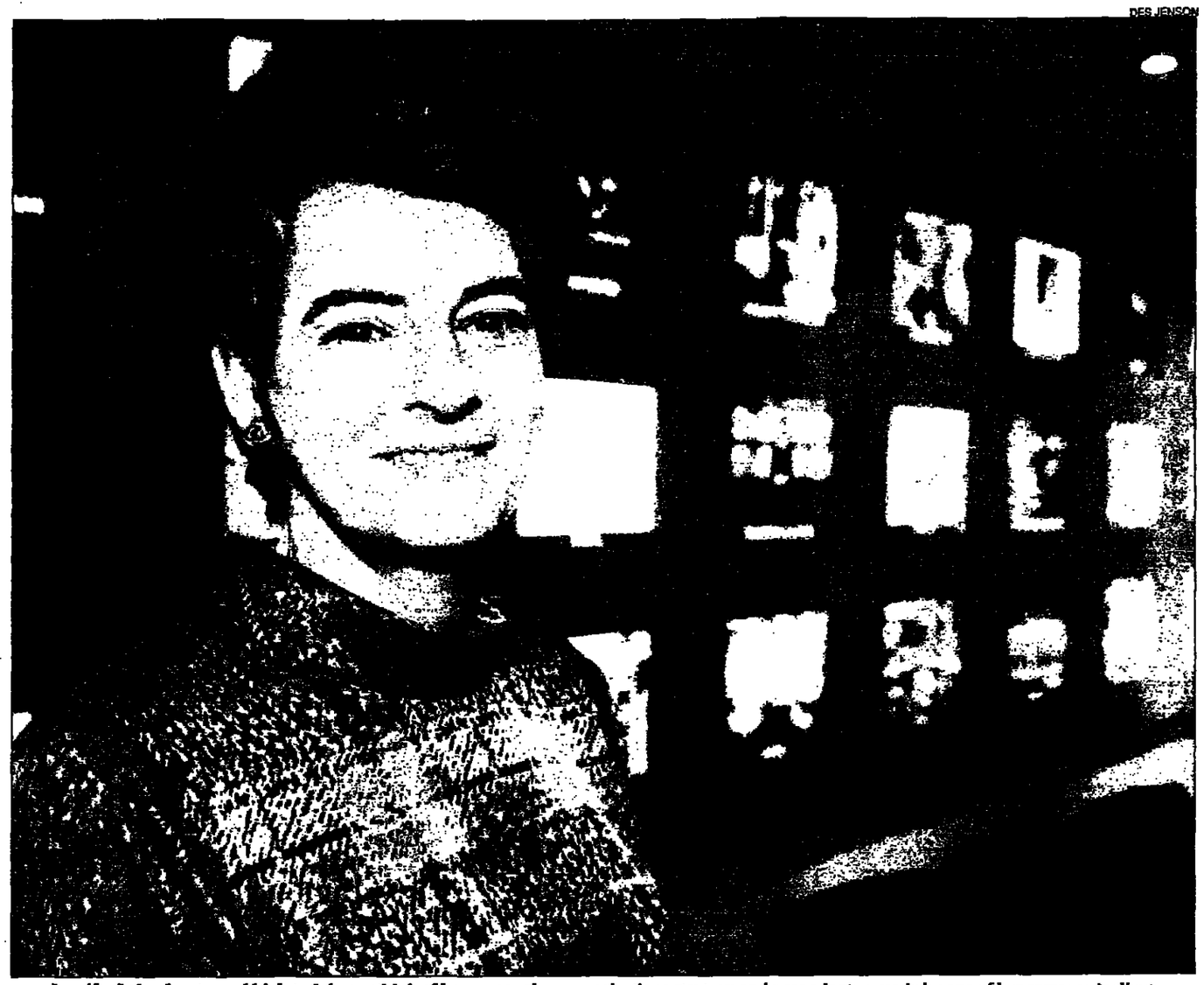
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A WORKING WEEK FOR: JENNIFER LAING

Change of image for the queen of advertising

The dynamic chairman of Saatchi & Saatchi has shed her red Ferrari and 'aggressive white desk'. Victoria McKee finds out more


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Jennifer Laing has turned high-tech in a rethink of her personal communications strategy and uses a laptop made by one of her company's clients

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JENNIFER LAING will have enjoyed the Conservative Party conference this week which she attended to support a client and to see Saatchi & Saatchi's promotional film contrasting stark images of strike-ridden Britain under Labour with happy, prosperous pictures of Britain today used as the main visual of the conference.

"Although there are, of course, close relationships between Maurice Saatchi and the Tory party, the party is officially still a client of this agency, and we are enjoying working with them," says Laing.

She doesn't often mention the M-word — Maurice Saatchi's name — except to point out that *she* was chairman of Saatchi & Saatchi Advertising for longer and more recently than he was, even before she gave up the autonomy of her own small agency, Laing Henry. It was founded in 1990 with Max Henry, and was bought out by Saatchi & Saatchi for £1.2 million — of which Laing received a 38 per cent stake — to woo her back to take the helm of S&S once more on April 1 this year.

"Maurice and Charles left the holding company," she stresses, "which was in Berkeley Square. They have not been in this building for ten years." She also emphasises that "it is the holding company that has now been renamed Cordiant. It owns Saatchi & Saatchi, Bates and Zenith, the biggest media independent, worldwide. We are Saatchi & Saatchi across the world, and the 11,000 people around the world who work for the company feel very strongly about that name. Please get that right, because nobody does". She doesn't even long to see her own name over the door, she loyally protests, because "Saatchi & Saatchi is too great a brand name". The unimposing 80 Charlotte Street address has always been the nerve centre of S&S, she stresses. The marble monument of a building in Berkeley Square, she seems to feel, was mainly for show. And that kind of showiness is no longer part of the Saatchi & Saatchi corporate culture under Jennifer Laing.

> "Advertising is a hobby and a joy. It's a true pleasure"

Laing is clearly thrilled to have come "home" to Charlotte Street, whose portals she first entered in 1969 as a graduate trainee from what is now the University of North London. She is also excited that accounts she originally pitched for, like Flymo, and handled there, such as Campbell's, are still with the company that is hers once again. "It's a more loyal business than you think," she asserts. "Contrary to popular opinion, business doesn't tend to follow personalities.

"The agency is the custodian of the brand and the place where clients can be sure of continuity, whereas the average marketing director lasts 18 months." Most of her Laing Henry accounts, though, followed her back to Saatchi's after the buyout. "The Health Education Authority, like me, came home to Saatchi & Saatchi because it was here as a founder client with that seminal 'pregnant man' advertisement." Saatchi & Saatchi won business worth £24 million in ten days, Laing says proudly, thanks to gaining the Comet account to replace the Currys and Dixons business it had lost. She is pleased that the losses of accounts, such as British Airways and Mars, and people have been stemmed. "We have stabilised," she says, "and made up half of the lost billings in six months."

Now she is trying to meet senior people from all the 60 major Saatchi clients responsible for more than £400 million worth of billings.

"It's very important that I meet them all and take note of their business context, and their key business issues, because if we're developing advertising we need to know the company's overall direction, objectives and philosophy," she says. "We're no longer in the business of just producing 60-second television commercials — we're thinking out a total communications strategy for our clients."

Laing has also rethought her own communications strategy. For a start, that means going high-tech, through client Hewlett-Packard's laptop and the Internet, which brings profits to client BT's wires.

"I've come late to it," admits Laing, who has declared an intention to stay "46-ish" forever. The woman once known as Jennifer "red Ferrari" Laing because of the status symbol she demanded as part of her remuneration package now drives a comparatively modest Toyota Lexus (another Saatchi account). Gone also is the "big aggressive white desk with sharp, confrontational corners" left over from her last incarnation at Charlotte Street as Saatchi's joint chairman. "It was ridiculously huge and hard-cornered, very combative," she reflects. "Clearly I felt the need, in the Eighties, to sit behind a big, white, frightening desk — *which I don't feel now.*"

Her current model, in two tones of wood, is warmer, and there is a matching low circular table to encourage casual conversation. "It's a change of climate — meeting room rather than office." She has also concealed the formidable wall of screens and high technology — necessary for showing films to clients — left by the previous inhabitant, David Kershaw, with plain white panelling which can be opened up only when needed.

Settled in the discreet, aubergine-coloured, leather armchairs in a simple navy blue suit, red silk blouse and the antique watchfob chain she habitually wears around her neck, she describes her working week. The first week in October, when she was in Geneva for Telecoms '95, and in Orlando for a Campbell's conference at Disney World (another account), wasn't typical. Most of her days are spent in the Charlotte Street offices from 8.30am until nearly 8pm, socialising with staff and clients afterwards and at weekends.

"The alarm goes at seven and I get up at quarter past. I live in Camden, very close to the office, which is frankly fundamental to the way I can run my life. So is my diary, and my PA who keeps it — Janette Hale, who's been with me for 15 years." (They even laugh alike.) The diary is a small, soft leatherbound affair, but it is adhered to rigidly. "I have a very strict appointment method because I'm trying to meet a huge number of clients and the 500 staff here."

She only manages to see her personal partner, Tony Dalton, she says, because, as he is Saatchi's deputy chairman, they are sometimes mutually involved in meetings or entertaining clients. "We'd hardly ever meet if we didn't work together," she says.

The first meeting of her day is always at 8.30am — after liaising with Janette. "Typically, it would be with Tamara Ingram and Adam Crozier, the agency's chief executives.

"I'll quite often have a breakfast with them where we'll discuss key staffing issues, budget targets and client developments: how's the money going and how's the people. That's what it's all about."

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Mornings will be spent visiting clients, or in internal briefing sessions from agency teams, so that if she bumped into any client at the opera or the races (her two favourite off-duty activities) she would be on top of what was happening with at least the major strategic issues of their account.

"Then there's the inevitable lunch with client, staff or new business prospects. Yesterday, Tony and I had lunch with a potential client, but, on average, from meeting someone to gaining a project from them takes two years. I did my own analysis on that last time I was here, and I suspect it's got longer. Picking up the Comet account in ten days was extraordinarily unusual, a rare window of opportunity for us both."

Lunch, she observes, has changed hugely since she was joint chairman of S&S in the 1980s. "It is shorter, with less alcohol — I just usually have a glass of wine or champagne — Lanson is a client — but, if the client isn't drinking, I'll probably just have mineral water. I haven't seen anyone who drinks spirits any more at lunch. It's mostly fish and salads and choosing from the set menu of the day — and never pudding. You meet at the table at 1pm and at 2.30pm a taxi turns up. You have to have an agenda, and make sure you get through it."

The afternoon is taken up by more meetings, "and I try to spend time in the creative department which is ultimately the most important in the agency. It would become dangerous to be totally removed from it." (Saatchi has a creative team of 100, with three creative directors, compared with Laing Henry's eight.)

At least four evenings a week are taken up with industry events and socialising with staff or clients. "I'm a Fellow of the Marketing Society so I might go to a dinner, or to a client event or a charity they're sponsoring. Tony and I try to have one night out together just for fun — to go to the opera, perhaps, which is our passion. We went to *Tosca* last week, but took a member of staff and his wife."

Laing no longer owns the hind leg of a racehorse — Western Legend is retired — but still regularly goes to the races at weekends. "Tony has a brood mare, Billy Blue, and breeds a foal every year.

"So much of our socialising is work-related, but we enjoy it. It's hard to be a success in this industry unless you're prepared to invest your leisure time as well. But advertising is a hobby, communications an exciting field to be in, and to me it's a joy. I can't say it's in any way stressful. It's a true pleasure."

HIDDEN ASSETS

A move to new offices that was the answer to Polhill's prayers

Colin Narbrough investigates the PR firm's headquarters that started life as a chapel before becoming a synagogue

City public relations executives no doubt find themselves praying often for attractive new clients with bottomless purses. Only rarely, however, can they enjoy the privilege of being able to do it in a former synagogue.

Polhill Communications, which until 18 months ago inhabited rather Dickensian premises adjacent to the Cheshire Cheese public house on Fleet Street, is a financial public relations company that has found its prayer house.

What is more, Julian Polhill, the managing director, says that business has flourished remarkably since the firm moved to its current offices in the narrow Artillery Lane in Spitalfields, on the eastern margins of the City of London. "Heart of the City with a low-cost base" is his description of the area.

Even though some City folk may turn up their noses at Spitalfields, a low-rise, and in parts poky, district that lies immediately east of the glistening Broadgate complex on Liverpool Street, the area has for centuries been home to immense cultural and commercial diversity.

It was here that successive waves of immigrants struggled in their new country to make a living before eventually becoming successful and wealthy enough to move on to pinsher parts.

Huguenot refugees from France wove silk here. Jews fleeing oppression in Eastern Europe set up shop in the last century, only to be supplanted in recent decades by immigrants from Bangladesh. As the population changed, many buildings, particularly the sacral, were adapted to suit the newcomers.

From the street, Polhill's refurbished premises give away little of what awaits the visitor.

Once inside, the eye is immediately caught by the curving walls of the foyer and the stone staircase that takes you up to the first floor with its generous, irregular-shaped open space beneath an impressive domed roof with a skylight cap.

Mr Polhill finds this space, which was where the main formal ceremonies of the Jewish worshippers took place, extremely conducive to good communication between his PR team. It could be the spirit of the place.

The former synagogue, which looks much like the lane's other modest brick buildings from the outside, has not been used for religious purposes since 1948, when the freehold was sold off and the building converted to, of all things, a warehouse for the fruit trade.

The building between 48 and 50 Artillery Lane appears to have been built originally as a chapel, but its exact history remains unclear. The area was once a popular meeting place for Nonconformists. Which of these Christian groups used the chapel is a detail now lost.

It is known that the French Charity House had premises on the lane at the end of the 17th century. The local historians have, however, deemed it improbable that the synagogue was once used by Christians of French origin.

Records from the early 18th century speak of a Baptist congregation, led by one Nathanial Hodges, holding meetings in the lane. Although they appear to have moved premises a number of times, the Baptists maintained links with the lane until the end of last century.



Julian Polhill finds this space conducive to good communication between his PR team

The experts' best guess is that a Baptist chapel, which became Artillery Lane Synagogue in 1896, was probably built in the middle of the 18th century. The proportions of the existing building would justify this view.

Other Christian congregations occupied the chapel from time to time, but it was a Baptist meeting house in the years immediately before being leased to the Jewish congregation. It was in active use as a synagogue until 1948 when its religious history came to an end.

Mr Polhill says the religious past of his offices has impressed his orthodox Jewish clients. For him, a gentile, moving to Artillery Lane has been something of a coming home, as he worked as a young man for a fruit company from Spitalfields market.

THE SUNDAY TIMES

"Sir Brian Pitman, chief executive of Lloyds bank, was in Washington for the IMF conference when his chairman called with the news that The Sunday Times was running a story that Lloyds was lining up a takeover bid. "It sounds to me," said Pitman, "that unless we make an announcement tomorrow morning we will have a disorderly market." He immediately began arranging to fly back to London . . ."

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STOCK MARKET  MICHAEL CLARK

GrandMet's price soars on talk of Guinness bid

SHARES of Grand Metropolitan came within a whisker of its year's high amid mounting speculation within the Square Mile that Guinness, its rival, may be close to launching a £13 billion bid.

GrandMet, which includes famous names such as J&B scotch, Burger King, Jolly Green Giant and Pillsbury, touched 457p before ending the session 13p higher at 454p, as 14 million shares changed hands in frantic trading.

Talk in the marketplace claims Guinness is teaming up with Kohlberg Kravis Roberts, the US corporate raider that financed a $20 billion break-up bid for Nabisco several years ago, to launch an offer of £6 a share. Brokers were talking about terms of one Guinness share, plus 100p in cash. **Guinness** closed 6p better at 515p last night, valuing the offer at 615p a share.

It is argued that Guinness and KKR would divide GrandMet between them. Guinness would take International Distillers and Vintners, while KKR would settle for the food operations.

In the past month, GrandMet's share price has risen from about 420p, with the City dismissing claims that the company is merely being rerated. It will be forced to undergo a boardroom reshuffle at some stage, with Lord Sheppard of Didgemere having made it clear that he intends to step down as chief executive within the next year. Speculators say this will only undermine GrandMet's ability to fight off an unwanted bid.

Meanwhile, the rest of the equity market ended the week on a high note. The FT-SE 100 index extended Thursday's rise of nearly 50 points with a gain of 44.2 at 3,568.0, just 2.8 below its closing record of 3,570.8. It was helped by a favourable set of retail sales figures in the US. After Tuesday's 50-point fall, the week's rise has been restricted to 41.5.

In spite of this latest surge of enthusiasm, trading conditions remained thin, with total turnover restricted to 657 million shares. Institutional investors are reluctant to sell a market that continues to be underpinned by high levels of takeover activity.

This was highlighted by the banking sector, which continued to bubble away amid further bid talk, as brokers in the Square Mile faced up to the possibility of further consolidation within the industry. **Schroders**, probably the last independent merchant bank of any size, was again put under the spotlight. The shares shot up a full £1 first thing on revived talk of a bid before closing 88p higher at £13.68, valuing the company at £2.3 billion.

The company itself is no stranger to bid activity. It has been busy this year representing clients either being bid for, or making bids for others. After the demise this year of such rival banks as Warburg, Barings and Kleinwort Benson, Schroders has been linked with ABN Amro, the Dutch bank. By the close of business, almost 250,000 shares had traded in a market where dealers will usually only quote a price in 3,000 shares at a time.

The rest of the banking sector ended the week on a high note with speculative buying continuing to drive prices higher. **Royal Bank of Scotland** added a further 20p to 522p with the City still talking about either a merger with **Bank of Scotland**, up 4p at 261p, or a full scale bid from **Abbey National**, 2p firmer at 572p.

Lloyds Bank edged ahead a further 6p to 774p, while **TSB Group** rose 7p to 370p. It was the announcement of their proposed £13.4 billion merger on Monday that generated this latest flurry of takeover activity. But hopes that Lloyds may decide to buy the minority of **Lloyds Abbey** appear to be fading with the price slipping 5p to 773p.

Standard Chartered, the subject of a failed bid attempt by Lloyds in the 1980s, is another takeover favourite rising 20p to 518p. Elsewhere in the sector gains were seen in **HSBC**, 39p to 945p, **National Westminster**, 18p to 639p, and **Irish Permanent**, 10p to 335p.

Also on the takeover front, **Norweb** slipped 4p to £11.35 as North West Water appeared poised to win control. It has mopped up more shares in the marketplace, stretching its holding in the company to 46.06 million, or 29.5 per cent of the issued share capital. On Thursday, Norweb finally recommended the offer to shareholders after North West raised its offer to £11.70 a share after twice outbidding the Texas Partners consortium. **North West** finished all-square at 579p.

Conrad Black has continued adding to his controlling holding in **The Telegraph**, up 1p at 437p. Hollinger, his private investment vehicle, has exercised an option to acquire seven million shares at a price of 450p from the company's trustees. It lifts Hollinger's stake to 63.3 per cent.

Rhino, the video games retailer, is raising £9 million by way of a five-for-six rights issue at 8p a share. The issue is being underwritten by its biggest shareholder, the Electronics Boutique, which already owns 25 per cent of the shares. EBI could end up with more than 30 per cent but will not be required to make a full bid. Last year Rhino made losses of almost £7 million. **Rhino** shares finished 1½p down at 11p.



Martin Long and John Steinbrecher of Rhino saw the price slip

BOC Group continued to benefit from this week's presentations in the City with a rise of 10½p to 862½p. Prospects are said to be better than for some time, with Smith New Court, the broker, telling clients that the group is capable of achieving double digit earnings growth until the end of the century.

☐ **GILT-EDGED:** The London market responded positively to firm performances by US treasury bonds and European bond markets. Prices rallied sharply at the outset encouraged by the latest distributive trades survey from the CBI.

In the futures pit, the December series of the long gilt climbed £21/32 to end at £105 25/32 as 51,000 contracts were completed. In the cash market, benchmark Treasury 8 per cent 2013 jumped £11/16 to £97 15/32, while at the shorter end Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was wanted £7/32 better at £101⅝. Index-linked benefited from the revival of fortunes in the equity market closing with gains of £½.

☐ **NEW YORK:** Shares on Wall Street extended their gains in morning trading, buoyed by a rally in the bond market. The Dow Jones industrial average at midday was up 32.51 points at 4,797.39.

MOVERS OF THE WEEK

	Current price	Week's change	
SelecTV	33½p	+11½p	Bid approach
Grand Metropolitan	457p	+27p	Bid Speculation
Lloyds Bank	780p	+75p	Merger with TSB
TSB Group	371p	+97p	Merger with Lloyds Bank
RB of Scotland	523p	+59p	Bid speculation
Norweb	£11.40	+57p	increased terms North West Water
Schroders	£13.78	+40p	Speculative buying
Bakyrchik Gold	143p	-55p	Kazakhstan project in trouble
Cadbury Schweppes	545p	+48p	Bid speculation

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones 4797.39 (+32.51)
S&P Composite 586.25 (+3.15)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Average 17880.83 (-90.57)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng 9883.78 (+198.64)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index 461.40 (+1.92)

Sydney:
AO 2099.0 (+20.6)

Frankfurt:
DAX 2196.83 (+38.71)

Singapore:
Straits 2129.04 (-6.98)

Brussels:
General 7752.98 (+31.23)

Paris:
CAC-40 1817.03 (+13.28)

Zurich:
SKA Gen 699.40 (+4.10)

London:

FT 30	2628.6 (+27.3)
FT 100	3568.0 (+44.2)
FT-SE Mid 250	3945.3 (+8.9)
FT-SE-A 350	1776.0 (+18.0)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100	1421.48 (+16.45)
FT A All-Share	1754.15 (+16.73)
FT Non Financials	1863.15 (+14.23)
FT Fixed Interest	111.01 (-0.98)
FT Govt Secs	92.99 (+0.39)
Bargains	30982
SEAQ Volume	682.8m
USM (Datastrm)	181.05 (+0.85)
US$	1.5724 (+0.0007)
German Mark	2.2473 (+0.0119)
Exchange Index	84.5 (+0.3)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.1955
£:SDR	1.0505
RPI	150.6 Sep (3.9%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX	149.2 Sep (3.1%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Cons Coal (50)	69	+ 1
Euro Sales Fin	125	...
German Slr Wts	18	...
Hay & Robertson	36	...
Mayflower (65)	93	+ 1
MultiMedia (45)	60	...
Murray Vct	105	...
Omnicare	86	- 1
Pemberstone	60	...
Pictet British (100)	102	...
Prest Nth (400)	400	...
SCS Sat Sys (125)	125	...
Univ Sal (149)	183	...
Upton & Sthn Wts	½	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Alumasc n/p (320)	114	+ 14
Anglo-East n/p (105)	13	...
Baris n/p (16)	¾	- 1¼
Forth Ports n/p (490)	81	- 1
RMC n/p (950)	127	+ 13½

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:	
Barclays	757p (+8p)
HSBC	945p (+39p)
Nat West	639p (+18p)
Royal Bk Scot	522p (+20p)
Stand Chart	518p (+20p)
TSB	370p (+7p)
Bass	675p (+15p)
Scot & New	604p (+9p)
Whitbread	632p (+9p)
Redland	375p (+7p)
App Holo	77p (+12p)
Filtronic Com	433p (+28p)
Telspec	793p (+45p)
FALLS:	
BPB Ind	283p (-10p)
Caradon	203p (-8p)
Waterhouse	43p (-10p)
Monarch	56p (-17p)
Scholl	232p (-12p)
L Joseph	425p (-18p)
Bluebird Toys	261p (-10p)
Weir	253p (-8p)
Kwik Save	671p (-8p)
ICI	795p (-9p)
GKN	776p (-7p)

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TEMPUS

War in the Channel

THE cross-Channel war being fought out between the ferry companies and the Channel Tunnel threw up an intriguing forecast this week.

P&O European Ferries and the other ferry groups were accused a week ago by Eurotunnel of waging an "insane price war". P&O responded yesterday with a prediction that traffic through the tunnel will peak sooner than expected, allowing the tunnel and the rival ferries to end the price war and raise fares late next year. While 1996 will not look good, 1997 should see an orderly market.

Graham Dunlop, chairman of P&O European Ferries, said: "We feel the freight market will stabilise in spring next year and the passenger market in the autumn and by that time Eurotunnel will have been absorbed into the market." Given that P&O is the largest cross-Channel ferry operator it can probably do more than anyone else to determine Eurotunnel's fortunes.

For long-suffering Eurotunnel shareholders, however, it is unlikely to mean much. They hold equity in a company that will not pay any interest on debts of £8 billion for 18 months and were once described by their chairman as a very thin cushion between a heavy man and a hard seat. The shares slipped 1p to 95p yesterday, close to their all-time low of 90p and a far cry from the 867p high reached in the far off heady days of 1989.

The stark truth for Eurotunnel shareholders is that they are the victims of an early experiment in getting private capital into publ000058jects. This is a highly laudable aim but should have been tried out on a smaller and more certain project first.

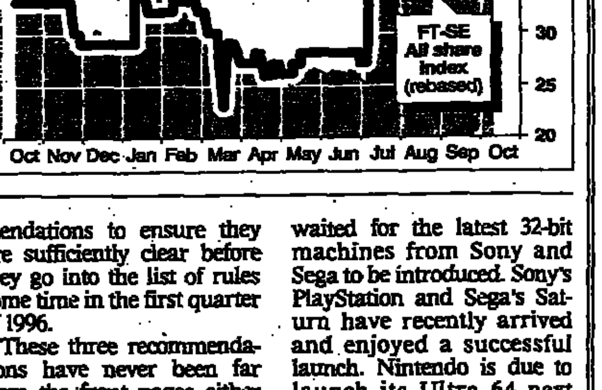
Colorvision

COLORVISION has possibly only 21 days in which to convince the Office of Fair Trading effectively not to pull the plug on its business. With the threat of its consumer-credit licence being revoked, the television, video and satellite retailer is hurriedly preparing a defence to counter 43 customer complaints, about misleading advertising, bounced up to the Office of Fair Trading, by a number of regional trading standards officers.

The OFT's notice, which says that the director-general is minded to revoke the licence, means the retail chain has to convince an adjudicator that it is fit to hold such a licence after the complaints and trading standards prosecutions that have gone ahead in magistrates' courts.

Colorvision's consumer credit licence was renewed two years ago. At that time concerns were raised by 30 consumer complaints — largely relating to the company's advertising of its credit facilities. The retailer pledged to take action but has now been bowled a further 13 complaints from customers.

Colorvision has spent a good deal of effort turning its operation round and has recently started to inspire confidence among City analysts who had previously advised clients to sell the shares. The company, it seems, could trade without a credit licence but only with great difficulty in a highly competitive market.



Annual reports

AFTER occupying headlines for much of the past year, the Greenbury Committee's recommendations on directors' pay will soon come to have meaning for shareholders, large and small alike.

The London Stock Exchange has finally published the amendments to its rules although they will not take effect until December 31 instead of the end of this month as originally envisaged.

Shareholders should look out in annual reports not only for information on directors' remuneration but for a statement of compliance with best practice on remuneration committees. There should also be a statement that full consideration has been given to best-practice provisions on remuneration policy, service contracts and compensation.

Sadly, however, the Exchange has decided that further consultation is needed on three Greenbury recommendations to ensure they are sufficiently clear before they go into the list of rules some time in the first quarter of 1996.

These three recommendations have never been far from the front pages either and cover long-term incentive schemes, options and pensions.

Rhino

LIFE has not been easy for Rhino Group, Britain's largest independent retailer of video games, as its beleaguered share price clearly demonstrates.

Like those struggling to save its real-life namesake, Rhino's second rescue rights issue in less than ten months should help protect it from possible extinction, though it still remains on the endangered species list.

The video games market has gone through a tough time as consumers put off purchases in competitive conditions and have instead waited for the latest 32-bit machines from Sony and Sega to be introduced. Sony's PlayStation and Sega's Saturn have recently arrived and enjoyed a successful launch. Nintendo is due to launch its Ultra 64 next spring.

In the meantime, trading is still competitive and Christmas will be crucial to restoring Rhino to profitability.

Rhino's stock problems have cost it dear but should now be behind it, while the help of Electronic Boutique should improve the group's buying power. Rhino's 112 stores should also benefit from the injection of more credible and experienced management expertise and the development of some innovative policies such as the introduction of higher-margin part-exchange sales.

The company has stemmed losses and ought now to be over the worst, though real profits are not likely to flow through until the next financial year.

COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Dec	897-896	Mar	1018-1010
Mar	928-927	May	1033-1026
May	947-946	Jul	unq
Jul	963-961	Sep	
Sep	980-978		
Dec	998-995	Volume:	3655

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Nov	2355-2353	Jul	2150-2130
Jan	2286-2285	Sep	2120-2100
Mar	2237-2235	Nov	2080-2060
May	2185-2175	Volume:	2831

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Aug	316.7-16.5
Spot: 399.0		Oct	287.7-87.5
Dec	390.5-89.7	Dec	284.7-84.5
Mar	325.7-25.5	Mar	283.2-82.0
May	320.2-19.5	Volume:	2325

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on October 12

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	99.04	100.88	128.26
(+/-)	-2.72	-0.03	+1.23
Eng/Wales:	99.15	101.29	128.11
(+/-)	-2.60	+0.25	+1.69
(%)	+10.0	-14.0	-8.0
Scotland:	89.99	97.33	129.12
(+/-)	-13.13	-3.80	-0.59
(%)	+31.0	-39.0	-34.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	15.95	+0.05
Brent 15 day (Nov)	16.05	+0.10
Brent 15 day (Dec)	15.85	+0.05
W Texas Intermediate (Nov)	17.15	-0.10
W Texas Intermediate (Dec)	17.00	-0.05

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

Premium Gas .15	B: 170 (n/c)	O: 173 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	146 (-1)	147 (-1)
Non EEC 1H Nov	147 (-1)	148 (-1)
Non EEC 1H Dec	147 (n/c)	148 (n/c)
3.5 Fuel Oil	84 (+1)	86 (+1)
Naphtha	148 (n/c)	149 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Nov	146.50-46.75	Feb	148.25-48.50
Dec	147.25-47.50	Mar	147.50-47.75
Jan	148.00-48.25		Vol: 7708

BRENT (6.00pm)

Nov	16.04-16.05	Feb	15.64-15.67
Dec	15.84-15.85	Mar	15.57-15.60
Jan	15.73-15.75		Vol: 29052

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Nov	116.20	Nov	107.75
Jan	118.40	Jan	110.65
Mar	120.40	Mar	112.75
May	122.45	May	115.30
Jul	123.90	Sep	104.00
Volume: 328		Volume: 70	

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Nov	unq	194.0
Apr	272.0	270.1
May	unq	312.5
	Volume: 92	

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)
Nov 94.25-94.75

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Oct 95	1682	1682	1683
Nov 95	1650	1625	1635
Dec 95	1621	1610	1620
Jan 96	1631	1619	1631
Vol: 810 lots		Open interest: 3464	

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day) — Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2854.5-2855.0	2794.0-2795.0	2390600
Lead ($/tonne)	649.00-650.00	643.00-644.00	254400
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	979.00-980.00	1002.5-1003.0	530725
Tin ($/tonne)	6265.0-6270.0	6315.0-6320.0	17595
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1673.0-1674.0	1705.0-1705.5	1844875
Nickel ($/tonne)	7865.0-7866.0	7985.0-7990.0	76944

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Oct	Jan	Apr	Puts Oct	Jan	Apr
Alld Dom	500	25½	35	42½	1	12	15½
(*524½)	550	1	9	18	26½	41	43½
Argyll	330	16½	27	34	0½	8½	12½
(*346)	360	1	11½	19	14½	24½	28
ASDA	100	5½	9½	12	0½	3½	5
(*105)	110	0½	5	7½	5½	8½	10
Boots	550	33½	44	57	0	7½	12½
(*583)	600	1	16½	28½	17½	30½	35½
Br Airways	460	15½	28½	40½	1½	13	17½
(*473½)	500	0½	10½	21½	26½	35½	39½
BP	460	11	23½	30½	1	11½	17
(*469)	500	0	7	13	31	36	40½
Br Steel	160	12	15½	20	0	3½	5½
(*172)	180	0½	5	9½	8½	13½	15½
C & W	390	28½	40½	51	0	8½	12½
(*418)	420	4	22½	34	6	20½	25
CU	550	43	60	67	0	7	16½
(*592½)	600	4½	27	36½	11	24½	39½
ICI	750	45½	66	77	0	9	20
(*794½)	800	6	34½	46	10½	27	41½
Kingfishr	500	11½	33	44½	2	15½	28½
(*509½)	550	0	11	20½	40½	45	56
Land Sec	550	43	49½	59	0	3	7½
(*592½)	600	2	17	27½	9	21½	27
M & S	420	19½	29½	39	0½	7½	11½
(*439)	460	0	9	18	21½	29½	31½
Nat West	600	37	56½	63½	0	10½	21½
(*636½)	650	3	26½	35	15½	30½	46
Sainsbury	420	19½	27	35	0½	6½	10½
(*435)	460	0	8	14½	25	29½	31½
Shell	700	46½	62	71	0	3	9½
(*748)	750	3½	26	36	7½	16½	29
Smkl Bch	600	46½	58½	69½	0	6½	13
(*646)	650	4½	26½	39	9	24	32
Storehse	300	8½	18½	25	1	9½	12½
(*307½)	330	0	6	12	22½	27	29
Trafalgar	25	2½	5½	7	1	4½	4½
(*27)	30	0½	3½	5½	4	7½	7½
Unilever	1250	19	49	72	3	22½	37½
(*1265)	1300	1	24	45½	35	49	64
Zeneca	1150	45½	95½	118½	1½	31	55
(*1192½)	1200	11½	68	90½	17	52½	78
Series		Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
Grnd Met	420	39½	46	53	3½	10½	12½
(*454½)	460	16	25	30½	19	28	30½
Ladbroke	160	9½	16	18	1½	5	7½
(*167)	180	1	6	8½	13½	15½	18
Utd Bisc	280	8½	19½	24½	9½	19½	20
(*281)	300	3½	11½	16	24	28	32½

Series		Calls Oct	Jan	Apr	Puts Oct	Jan	Apr
BAA	460	27½	38	50	0	6½	10½
(*487)	500	1	15	26½	13½	24½	28
Thames W	500	39	47½	58½	0	9	13½
(*538½)	550	1½	20	31½	13	30	35
Series		Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
BAT Ind	550	21	38½	45½	10½	21½	32
(*559)	600	4	16½	24	45½	51	61½
BTR	300	27½	35	38	0½	3½	7
(*325½)	330	5	19½	19	8½	13½	19½
Br Aero	700	40½	64½	76	9½	23	32½
(*726)	750	14½	38½	50½	34	47	56½
Br Telcom	360	29½	34	39	0½	5	7
(*386½)	390	8	16	21	8½	17½	19½
Cadbury	500	52	66	69	3	10½	12
(*546½)	550	19	34	39	18½	27	31
Guinness	500	22	38½	44	4	12	19
(*515)	550	2	14½	19½	35½	39½	45½
GEC	330	13½	22	29	3	10	12
(*338½)	360	1½	8½	14½	21½	26½	28½
Hanson	191	11½	15½	—	1½	6	—
(*200½)	211	1½	6	—	13½	17½	—
LASMO	160	10	16	17½	2½	6	8
(*166)	180	2	6½	8½	14½	17	18½
Lucas	200	4½	13½	16	7½	12½	14½
(*202½)	220	0½	6	8½	23½	25½	27
Pilkingtn	200	7	14	18½	5½	11	12
(*200)	220	1	6	10	20	24	24
Prudential	360	25½	36	41½	3	8½	15½
(*381)	390	7½	18	24½	14½	21	30
Redland	360	22½	34	41½	2½	9	17
(*375)	390	6½	17½	25½	17	23	32
R-Royce	160	8	14	17	2½	6	9
(*166½)	180	1	5½	8	16	18	20½
Tesco	300	22	31	36	1½	5½	10
(*318½)	330	4½	13	19	13½	18½	24
Vodafone	240	21½	29½	35½	1½	7½	10
(*258)	260	9	18½	24½	8½	15½	18½
Williams	300	23	31	35½	1	3½	7½
(*320½)	330	4	13	17½	11½	16	21½

FT-SE INDEX (*3567½)

	3450	3500	3550	3600	3650	3700
Calls						
Oct	124	79	38	12½	3	1
Nov	152½	113	78½	50	28	14
Dec	175½	138½	108	78½	56½	39
Jan	—	165	—	106	—	62½
Jun	—	232	—	179½	—	125
Puts						
Oct	2½	6½	17½	44	85½	135
Nov	19	30	46½	70	99½	139½
Dec	30½	49½	68½	90½	119½	154
Jan	—	63	—	109½	—	165½
Jun	—	120	—	161½	—	212

Series		Calls Dec	Mar	Jun	Puts Dec	Mar	Jun
Abby Nat	550	37	51	59½	11	22	27½
(*571)	600	12	25½	28½	36½	48	54
Amstrad	260	20	28	34½	7	12	14½
(*272)	280	10	17½	24½	17	21½	24
Barclays	750	33½	52	61	19	38½	42½
(*756½)	800	12½	28	38½	49	65½	71
Blue Circ	300	15½	25	28	10	19½	22
(*301½)	330	4½	12½	15½	30	33	40
Br Gas	240	13½	19½	22½	4½	6½	12
(*252)	260	4½	10	13½	16½	18	23
Dixons	360	35	44	52	5	12	14½
(*385½)	390	16	27	34½	16	24½	27
Forte	240	16½	22½	25½	3½	7	11½
(*249½)	260	7½	12	15	14	17	21
Tarmac	90	7½	11½	13	4½	6½	8½
(*92)	100	3	6½	8½	10½	12	14
Hillsdwn	160	15	19	20½	1½	4	8½
(*173½)	180	3½	8½	9½	11	13	19
Lonrho	160	11½	14½	19½	4½	9	10
(*165)	180	4	6½	10	16½	20	21
Sears	110	5½	8	9½	4½	6	7½
(*111)	120	2½	4	5½	11	12	13½
Thrn Eml	1500	59	89	123	39½	57½	59½
(*1506½)	1600	20	45	77	103	113	117
Tomkins	240	18	23½	29	4½	9	10½
(*250½)	260	7	13	18½	13½	19½	20½
TSB	360	18	23½	29	8½	16½	20
(*370½)	390	3½	7½	12½	24½	32½	35½
Series		Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
Glaxo Well	750	43	64	77	0	10	19½
(*792½)	800	4	33	46½	10½	27½	40
HSBC	900	44	73½	101	0½	22	42½
(*942½)	950	9	49½	72½	14½	42	65
Reuter	550	28	44½	61	1	12	20½
(*576½)	600	1½	21	35	24	33½	43½
Series		Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
Royal Ins	340	15½	31½	40	0½	12	22
(*374½)	390	0½	16	24½	16	27	38
Series		Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Fisons	260	4	5	5	1½	0½	1½
(*262½)	280	0	0½	0½	19	19½	20½
Series		Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
Eastern Gp	950	24	28½	27	0½	1	2
(*972½)	1000	1	0½	0½	27½	31½	33
Series		Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Natl Pwr	460	32½	43½	53	6	10½	17
(*485½)	500	11	21½	31	25½	29	36
Scot Pwr	330	34½	39	45½	3½	7	9
(*358)	360	14	20	27	12	19	19½

October 13, 1995 Tot: 62980 Call: 30586 Put: 32394 FT-SE Call: 13274 Put: 12748
*Underlying security price.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100	Dec 95	3566.0	3619.0	3561.0	3592.0	16290
Previous open interest: 68192	Mar 96				3620.5	0
FT-SE 250	Dec 95	3980.0	3980.0	3980.0	3980.0	25
Previous open interest: 3538	Mar 96					0
Three Month Sterling	Dec 95	93.26	93.30	93.25	93.27	10672
Previous open interest: 337840	Mar 96	93.27	93.30	93.23	93.27	11242
	Jun 96	93.14	93.19	93.12	93.17	6983
Three Mth Eurodollar	Dec 95				94.25	0
Previous open interest: 110	Mar 96				94.42	0
Three Mth Euro DM	Dec 95	96.03	96.04	96.02	96.02	12472
Previous open interest: 763811	Mar 96	96.12	96.14	96.11	96.13	20471
Long Gilt	Dec 95	105-10	105-29	105-08	105-25	51140
Previous open interest: 99787	Mar 96				105-07	0
Japanese Govmt Bond	Dec 95	120.95	121.14	120.88	121.12	2665
	Mar 96	119.90	119.98	119.89	120.06	399
German Gov Bd Bund	Dec 95	95.57	96.00	95.57	95.93	164518
Previous open interest: 191959	Mar 96	95.20	95.24	95.14	95.34	320
Three month ECU	Dec 95	94.30	94.36	94.30	94.32	1604
Previous open interest: 18844	Mar 96	94.49	94.54	94.49	94.50	230
Euro Swiss Franc	Dec 95	97.66	97.69	97.66	97.68	2023
Previous open interest: 47614	Mar 96	97.72	97.74	97.71	97.73	1746
Italian Govmt Bond	Dec 95	102.39	102.77	102.20	102.65	36421
Previous open interest: 46473	Mar 96	102.30	102.30	102.30	102.29	50

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6¾ Finance Hse 7
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 7¼ Low 6¼ Week fixed: 6¾
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 6¾; 3 mth 6¾. Sell: 2 mth 6⅝; 3 mth 6⅝.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	6⅝-6¾	6⅝-6¾	6⅝-6¾	6⅝-6⅝	
Sterling Money Rates:	6⅞-6¾	6⅞-6¾	6⅞-6¾	6⅞-6¾	6⅞-6¾
Interbank:	6⅞-6¾	6⅞-6¾	6⅞-6¾	6⅞-6¾	6⅞-6¾

Overnight: open 6¾, close 7.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	6¾	n/a	6¾	6⅞	6⅞
Sterling CDs:	6⅞-6¾	6⅞-6¾	6⅞-6¾	6⅞-6¾	6⅞-6¾
Dollar CDs:	5.78	n/a	5.85	5.74	5.78
Building Society CDs:	6⅞-6¾	6⅞-6¾	6⅞-6¾	6⅞-6¾	6⅞-6¾

TREASURY BILLS: Applics: £5,365m allotted: £1,500m; Bids: £98,35% received: 22%. Last week: £98,355% received: 27%: Avge rate: £6.6001% last wk £6.5775%; Next week: £1,500m.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5¾-5⅝	5¾-5⅝	5¾-5⅝	5¾-5⅝	5¾-4¾
Deutschemark:	4¼-3¾	4¼-3¾	4¼-4	4¼-3¾	4¼-3¾
French Franc:	6¼-6	6¾-6¼	6¾-6¼	6¾-6¼	7¼-5¼
Swiss Franc:	2¼-1⅞	2⅛-2	2⅛-2⅛	2¼-2⅛	2¼-1¼
Yen:	½-⅜	½-⅜	½-⅜	½-⅜	n/a

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $384.20-384.60 Close: $384.00-384.50 High: $384.15-384.65
Low: $383.00-383.50 AM: $384.00 PM: $383.80

Krugerrand: $386.00-388.00 (£244.00-246.00)

Platinum: $413.25 (£262.90) Silver: $5.42 (£3.445) Palladium: $136.90 (£87.10)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Oct 13	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.5027-2.5181	2.5142-2.5175	⅝-½pr	1⅝-1½pr
Brussels	45.95-46.28	46.13-46.28	12-9pr	31-26pr
Copenhagen	8.6640-8.7330	8.7100-8.7320	1-⅛pr	2¼-1⅜pr
Dublin	0.9756-0.9789	0.9756-0.9781	10-7pr	22-17pr
Frankfurt	2.2348-2.2494	2.2463-2.2494	⅝-½pr	1⅝-1½pr
Lisbon	234.71-236.57	235.94-236.57	32-59ds	119-164ds
Madrid	192.50-193.63	193.33-193.62	¼-¾ds	1¼-1¾ds
Milan	2518.90-2525.10	2519.70-2523.80	7-8ds	22-25ds
Montreal	2.0995-2.1120	2.1022-2.1052	0.10-0.02pr	0.16-0.05pr
New York	1.5708-1.5782	1.5726-1.5736	0.13-0.12pr	0.35-0.32pr
Oslo	9.8240-9.8730	9.8540-9.8700	1¼-1pr	4-3¼pr
Paris	7.7910-7.8290	7.8110-7.8250	½-⅝pr	1⅝-2ds
Stockholm	10.8910-10.9940	10.9190-10.9420	¼-¾ds	¼-¾ds
Tokyo	157.79-158.55	158.28-158.55	1⅝-1½pr	2⅝-1¾pr
Vienna	15.720-15.840	15.814-15.840	3¼-2⅝pr	10-7pr
Zurich	1.8087-1.8233	1.8163-1.8191	⅝-½pr	2-1⅝pr

Source: Extel. Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3168-1.3176
Austria	10.02-10.03
Belgium (Com)	29.39-29.40
Canada	1.3366-1.3372
Denmark	5.5450-5.5480
France	4.9770-4.9790
Germany	1.4300-1.4305
Hong Kong	7.7305-7.7315
Ireland	1.6055-1.6065
Italy	1603.5-1604.5
Japan	100.59-100.62
Malaysia	2.5440-2.5450
Netherlands	1.6020-1.6025
Norway	6.2790-6.2810
Portugal	150.26-150.36
Singapore	1.4263-1.4273
Spain	123.06-123.16
Sweden	6.9330-6.9405
Switzerland	1.1590-1.1600

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5700-1.5726
Australia dollar	2.0687-2.0714
Bahrain dinar	0.5880-0.6000
Brazil real*	1.5045-1.5087
China yuan	12.00 Buy
Cyprus pound	0.7030-0.7130
Finland markka	6.7100-6.8260
Greece drachma	363.25-370.25
Hong Kong dollar	12.1446-12.1539
India rupee	52.93-53.89
Indonesia rupiah	3532.0-3600.6
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4675-0.4775
Malaysia ringgit	3.9966-4.0007
New Zealand dollar	2.3702-2.3743
Pakistan rupee	49.55 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.8450-5.9710
Singapore dollar	2.2407-2.2437
S Africa rand (com)	5.7050-5.8070
U A E dirham	5.7225-5.8465

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

FT-SE VOLUMES

3i	1,200	Land Secs	2,300
ASDA Gp	8,900	Legal & Gn	3,500
Abbey Ntl	6,500	Lloyds Bk	3,100
Allied Dom	2,200	Marks Spr	4,900
Argyll Gp	3,500	Mid Elec	168
Arjo Wggns	2,300	NatWst Bk	5,300
AB Foods	157	Nat Power	2,600
BAA	4,700	NW Water	4,100
BAT Inds	8,400	P & O	1,300
BOC	2,100	Pearson	2,100
BP	7,500	PowerGen	2,200
BSkyB	7,700	Prudential	5,500
BTR	6,300	REXAM	2,100
BT	9,500	RMC	455
Bk of Scot	4,600	RTZ	10,000
Barclays	6,800	Rank Org	6,200
Bass	1,300	Reckitt Col	772
Blue Circle	968	Redland	404
Boots	2,900	Reed Intl	1,400
BAe	2,700	Rentokil	906
BA	2,700	Reuters	3,200
Brit Gas	7,400	Rolls Royce	9,300
Brit Steel	9,700	Royal Ins	2,400
Burmah Cstl	722	Ryl Bk Scot	6,000
Cable Wire	2,400	Sainsbury	8,400
Cadbury	6,900	Schroders	308
Carlton Cms	2,100	Scot & New	1,900
Cm Union	3,500	Scot Power	1,900
Cookson	1,800	Sears	3,500
Courtaulds	2,000	Svrn Trent	1,700
De La Rue	677	Shell Trans	2,900
Enterpr Oil	4,900	Siebe	535
Fisons	338	Smkl Bch	8,200
Forte	11,000	Smith Nph	1,600
GKN	842	Sthern Elec	406
GRE	7,000	Std Chartd	5,600
GUS	2,600	Sun Allnce	3,700
Gen Acc	2,100	TI Gp	370
Gen Elec	7,300	TSB	15,000
Glaxo Well	7,400	Tate & Lyle	722
Granada	2,900	Tesco	7,500
Grand Met	15,000	Thames W	620
Guinness	2,300	Thrn EMI	1,000
HSBC	1,900	Tomkins	714
Hanson	13,000	Unilever	1,100
ICI	1,800	Vodafone	4,400
Inchcape	545	Whitbread	274
Kingfisher	4,600	Wllms Hld	1,900
LASMO	6,900	Wolseley	90
Ladbroke	2,400	Zeneca	2,900

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AMP Inc	39	39
AMR Corp	70	70
AT & T	64	63
Abbott Labs	40	39
Advanced Micro	27	27
Aetna Life	72	70
Ahmanson (HF)	27	26
Air Prod & Chem	52	51
Albertson's	33	33
Alcan Aluminm	30	30
Alco Standard	82	81
Allied Signal	44	44
Alum Co of Am	51	51
Amax Gold Inc	6	6
Amerada Hess	46	45
Amer Brands	42	41
Amer El Power	37	37
Amer Express	44	44
Amer Genl Corp	37	37
Amer Home Pr	89	87
Amer Intl	87	86
Amer Stores	29	29
Ameritech	51	51
Amoco	64	63
Anheuser-Busch	64	64
Apple Computer	36	35
Archer Daniels	15	15
Armco	6	6
Armstrng Wrld	54	53
Asarco	30	30
Ashland Oil	32	32
Atl Richfield	105	105
Auto Data Pro	71	71
Avery Dennison	42	42
Avon Products	72	72
Baker Hughes	20	20
Baltim Gas & El	26	26
Banc One	38	37
BankAmerica	63	63
Bank of NY	48	48
Bankers Tr NY	68	68
Barnett Banks	58	58
Bausch & Lomb	38	38
Baxter Intl	39	40
Becton Dickinsn	64	64
Bell Atlantic	62	61
Bell Industries	22	22
BellSouth	73	73
Black & Decker	34	34
Block (H&R)	40	39
Boeing	67	66
Boise Cascade	37	37
Bristol Myrs Sq	73	74
Browning Ferris	29	29
Brunswick	20	20
Burlington Nthn	73	73
CBS	80	80
CNA Financial	120	121
CPC Intl	69	69
CSX	83	82
Campbell Soup	51	51
Can Pacific	16	16
Cap Cities ABC	119	115
Carolina Pwr	33	33
Caterpillar	56	53
Central & SW	25	25
Champion Intl	53	54
Chase Manhat	66	65
Chemical Bk	64	64
Chevron Corp	48	48
Chrysler	54	54
Chubb Corp	94	93
Cigna Corp	102	103
Citicorp	72	72
Clorox	71	71
Coastal Corp	33	33
Coca Cola	71	70
Colgate-Palmolive	69	67
Columbia Gas	37	37
Compaq Comp	49	48
Comp Ass Inc	43	41
Conagra	40	40
Conrail	71	70
Cons Edison	30	30
Cons Nat Gas	39	39
Cooper Inds	34	34
Corestates	37	37
Corning Inc	28	28
Crown Cork	35	35
Dana Corp	28	28
Dayton Hudson	75	75
Deere	89	88
Delta Air Lines	69	68
Deluxe Corp	33	33
Detroit Edison	33	33
Digital Equip	48	46
Dillard Dept St	32	32
Disney (Walt)	58	58
Dominion Res	39	39
Donnelley (RR)	38	38
Dover Corp	38	38
Dow Chemical	72	72
Dow Jones	38	38
Dresser	22	23
Duke Power	44	44
Dun & Bradstreet	59	59
Du Pont	66	66
Eastman Kodak	60	57
Eaton Corp	51	51
Emerson Elec	70	70

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Engelhard Corp	25	26
Enron Corp	34	33
Entergy	27	26
Ethyl Corp	11	11
Exxon	74	73
FMC Corp	72	72
FPL Group	40	40
Federal Express	81	80
Fed Nat Mtge	110	109
First Chicago	71	71
First Interstate	106	106
First Union Rlty	7	7
Fleet Finl Grp	40	39
Fluor Corp	58	59
Ford Motor	32	31
GTE Corp	40	40
Gannett	55	55
Gap Inc Del	39	39
Gen Dynamics	53	52
Gen Electric	63	62
Gen Mills	57	57
Gen Motors	46	46
Gen Reinsurance	147	147
Gen Signal	29	29
Genuine Parts	39	39
Georgia Pac	85	84
Gillette	49	48
Glaxo Wells ADR	24	24
Goodrich (BF)	64	62
Goodyear Tire	38	39
Grace (WR)	65	65
Gt Atl Pac Tea	22	21
Great Wstn Fin	25	24
Halliburton	43	43
Harcourt General	43	42
Heinz (HJ)	47	47
Hercules	55	55
Hershey Foods	65	65
Hewlett Packard	84	82
Hilton Hotels	66	66
Home Depot	39	39
Homestake Mng	16	16
Honeywell	43	42
Household Intl	67	67
Houston Inds	46	46
Humana	19	19
ITT Corp	123	122
Illinois Tool	57	56
Illinova	28	28
INCO	37	32
Ingersoll Rand	36	36
Inland Steel	23	22
Intel Corp	64	63
IBM	93	93
Intl Flav & Fr	47	47
Intl Paper	37	37
James River Va	32	31
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	77	76
Kellogg	74	74
Kerr-McGee	58	56
Kimberly-Clark	67	67
Kmart	11	12
Knight-Ridder	57	57
Lilly (Eli)	93	92
Limited Inc	21	21
Lincoln Nat	46	47
Litton	43	43
Liz Claiborne	26	26
Lockheed Martin	69	68
Louisiana Pac	23	23
MCI Comm	25	25
Marriott Int	39	38
Marsh & McLen	86	85
Masco Corp	28	27
May Dept St	42	43
Maytag Corp	17	17
McDonalds	40	40
McDonnell D	80	78
McGraw Hill	82	81
Mead Corp	56	56
Medtronic	58	57
Mellon Bk	49	49
Melville Corp	35	34
Merck Inc	60	59
Merrill Lynch	64	62
Microsoft	88	87
Minnesota Mine	57	57
Mobil Corp	99	99
Monsanto	101	100
Morgan (JP)	81	80
Motorola Inc	69	67
Natl Semi	29	26
Natl Service Ind	29	28
Navistar Int	11	11
NBD Bancorp	40	40
NY Times A	30	31
Newmont Mng	39	39
Niag-Mohawk	10	10
Nike B	110	109
NL Industries	15	15
Noram Energy	7	8
Nordstrom	40	41
Norfolk Sthrn	75	75
Nthn State Pwr	46	46
Norwest Corp	32	32
Nynex Corp	48	47
Occidental Pet	20	21
Ohio Edison	22	22
Oracle	47	46
Oryx Energy Co	11	11

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Owens Corning	44	44
PPG Industries	45	44
PNC Bank	28	28
PP&L Res	23	23
Paccar Inc	45	45
Pacificorp	19	19
Pac Enterprises	25	25
Pac Gas & Elect	29	29
Pac Telesis	30	30
Pall Corp	23	22
Panhandle East	27	27
Peco Energy	28	29
Penney (JC)	47	48
Pennzoil	43	43
Pepsico	51	51
Pfizer	57	57
Phelps Dodge	61	64
Philip Morris	85	84
Phillips Pet	31	31
Pitney Bowes	42	42
Polaroid	40	40
PriceCostco	17	17
Procter & Gmbl	80	80
Providian	40	40
Pub Serv E & G	28	27
Quaker Oats	31	31
Ralston Purina	58	58
Raychem Corp	44	44
Raytheon	86	86
Reebok Intl	33	33
Reynolds Metals	53	51
Roadway Srvcs	44	42
Rockwell Intl	46	45
Rohm & Haas	57	56
Royal Dutch	122	123
Rubbermaid	27	27
SBC Comms	54	54
Safeco Corp	69	69
St Paul's Cos	57	57
Salomon Inc	40	39
Sara Lee Corp	29	29
Seecorp	17	17
Schering Plough	52	51
Schlumberger	66	65
Scott Paper	49	49
Seagram	36	36
Sears Roebuck	36	36
Shell Trans	71	71
Sherwin Wllms	35	35
Skyline Corp	18	17
Snap-On-Tools	40	39
Southern Co	23	23
Sprint Corp	35	35
Stanley Works	46	47
Sun Company	25	25
Sun Microsys	59	57
Suntrust	65	64
Supervalu	30	30
Sysco Corp	27	27
TRW Inc	71	71
TCC Inds	2	2
Tandem Comp	11	11
Tandy Corp	61	60
Teledyne	25	25
Temple Inland	49	49
Tenneco	44	44
Texaco	69	69
Texas Inst	72	74
Texas Utilities	35	34
Textron	69	68
Time Warner	37	37
Times-Mirror A	29	29
Timken	41	41
Torchmark	43	44
Toys R Us	26	27
Transamerica	70	70
Travelers	57	57
Tribune	63	62
Tyco Labs	61	61
UST Inc	29	29
UAL	175	173
US Inds	15	15
USX Marathon	19	18
Unicom	32	32
Unilever NV	130	131
Union Camp	55	54
Union Carbide	39	38
Union Pacific	65	64
Unisys Corp	7	7
USAir Group	13	13
USF&G Corp	19	19
US Life	30	30
US West	47	47
United Tech	89	89
Unocal Corp	27	27
Upjohn	46	45
VF Corp	50	50
WMX Tech	27	27
Wal-Mart Stores	23	23
Warner-Lambert	89	89
Wells Fargo	208	207
Westinghouse El	14	14
Weyerhaeuser	46	46
Whirlpool	54	54
Whitman	20	20
Winn Dixie	61	61
Woolworth	14	16
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	50	50
Xerox	131	132
Yellow Corp	13	13



TAXING YEAR 32-33

Help to weather a cold season of tax demands

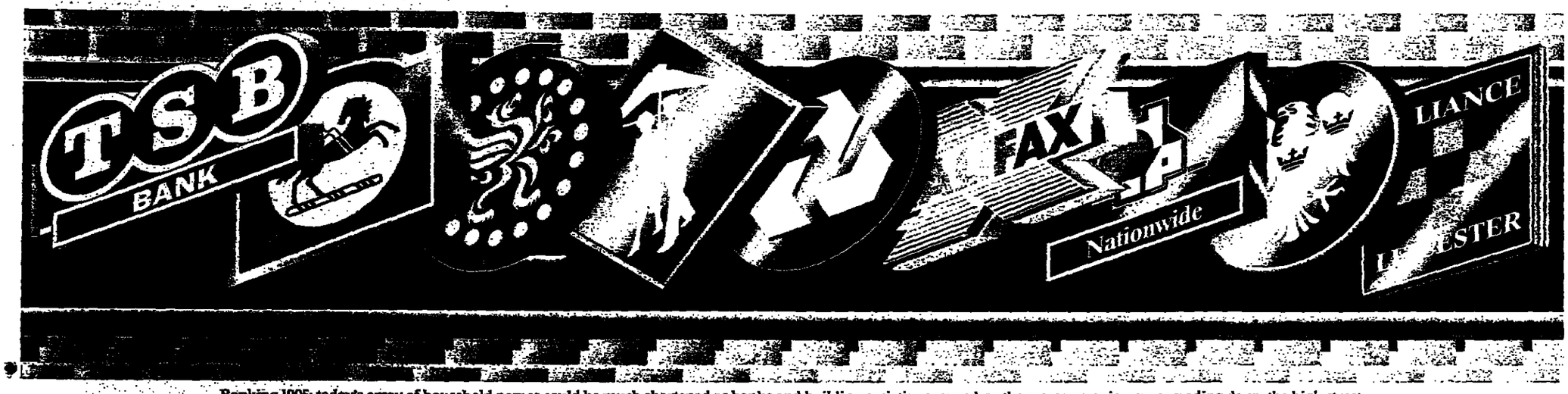
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The risk of not leaving a valid will



The Lloyds/TSB merger is likely to trigger similar moves in the months ahead



Banking 1995: today's array of household names could be much shortened as banks and building societies succumb to the merger mania now spreading down the high street

High street is the new takeover arena

More familiar names may be in line for new ownership, says **Anne Ashworth**

The announcement of the Lloyds/TSB engagement is expected to precipitate more mergers and takeovers in the banking and building society industries. Some speculate that the high street will once again be ruled by five or six banking Titans, a regime not seen since the Sixties.

At present, there are about 10 major players, including several substantial building societies which fulfil the role of banks.

Setting the largest of the banks on the takeover trail will be their need to make use of their fast-accumulating capital. Demand for loans is slow, meaning that the banks have funds to spare. At the same time, they see takeovers as a way to cut their costs, which are rising as income from lending declines.

The US banks are leading the way. In August, Chase Manhattan and Chemical declared that they were joining forces in a $10 billion merger to form the largest bank in the US.

Simon Samuels, banks analyst at the securities house Smith New Court, the team which forecast that the TSB was susceptible to a bid, now sees the Royal Bank of Scotland as the next target. Abbey National, the building society turned bank, and Bank of Scotland might also hold attractions for a larger competitor.

Part of the appeal of the RBS lies in two subsidiaries: the highly successful telephone-based insurer, Direct Line, and Citizens Financial, the New England banking chain. RBS shares closed at 522p yesterday. Their previous high for the year was 502p.

In a replay, HSBC, the international banking group which owns the Midland, could again be drawn to the RBS: HSBC made an unsuccessful bid for the bank in 1981. After the Lloyds TSB merger, the Midland will be left some distance behind, giving its parent an excuse for expansion.

The news of TSB's fate will have caused some dismay among those building societies contemplating conversion. A society which abandons its mutual status for a stock market quotation is protected from predators for five years. Societies such as the Nationwide and the Alliance & Leicester might have believed they were big enough to stay independent beyond the five-year deadline. But the swallowing-up of the TSB means that they could be easily digested.

However, to the relief of those who have opened accounts at the Nationwide, Woolwich, Alliance & Leicester and Bristol & West hoping for a conversion windfall, Mr Samuels believes the societies will not be deterred for long. The benefits of banking status are likely to outweigh their fears of takeover. The Halifax, joining the market in early 1997, may rest easy. Valued at £8-10 billion, it should be too big a mouthful for even the greediest banker.

Merger may hit TSB savers

Millions of savers with TSB could be worse off if its planned merger with Lloyds goes through. At the moment, TSB gives its customers interest rates which are in some cases 20 per cent better than those offered by Lloyds.

Lloyds is refusing to guarantee it will maintain the preferential rates for TSB savers when the merger goes through.

The merger will give it a combined customer base of more than 14 million.

The merger will need an Act of Parliament which could take up to two years to come to fruition.

Lloyds and TSB claim that it is far too early to say what impact the merger will have on its existing client base. After the honeymoon period, when the effect of the special 65p dividend for TSB shareholders, many of whom are customers, has worn off, millions of savers with the bank that said yes may be far worse off.

Sir Brian Pitman, Lloyds chief executive, is keen to stress that the two banks will be run separately for the time being, and each will maintain its separate culture and brand.

■ **Branches:** Lloyds Bank has 1,800 branches concentrated mainly in the South, while TSB is predominantly a northern bank, with 1,050 branches.

■ **Savers:** millions of savers with the TSB at the moment benefit from interest rates which are in some cases more than 20 per cent better than equivalent rates offered at Lloyds.

■ **Borrowers:** anyone who wants to take out a mortgage with the TSB after the merger will be offered a loan from what was formerly the Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society, which is now owned by Lloyds Bank.

C&G: the division already offers its mortgages through Lloyds. It is offering a discount of 0.25 per cent on its variable rate.

■ **Life insurance:** both banks have extensive life insurance operations. Lloyds Abbey Life — 63 per cent owned by the bank — sells life insurance and pensions policies through its subsidiary Black Horse Life. TSB Life does the same with TSB. The scope for rationalisation may be limited because Lloyds does not wholly own Lloyds Abbey Life.

■ **Investment:** both banks have companies which offer unit trusts and personal equity plans. There is scope for rationalisation because their ranges are virtually identical.

CAROLINE MERRELL

Double take on unit trusts

Both TSB Group and Lloyds Bank offer their customers a wide choice of unit trusts. The range of each has an almost identical mix of funds in terms both of investment strategy and the geographical area where money is invested (Caroline Merrell writes).

Merging the interests of the two banks could lead to some cost-savings through rationalisation of back-office administration and the merging of fund management.

Overall, the performance of the funds from each bank is similar, in places startlingly so, although TSB has one or two star performers.

TSB's unit trust range has 20 funds, while Lloyds offers its customers a choice of 19. According to figures from Micropal, the performance statistics specialist, £100 invested in a TSB fund five years ago would now be worth on average £184. The same amount invested in a Lloyds trust would now be worth £183. Among the better performers in TSB's range is the American Fund, top in its sector over one year, fifth over three years, and second over five years.

One hundred pounds invested in this trust three years ago would now be worth £156. The same amount invested five years ago would now be worth £227. TSB's Selected Opportunities fund, which invests for growth, also has a strong track record.

It is fourth in its sector over one and three years. One hundred pounds invested in this fund three years ago, would now be worth £157.

Lloyds also has a strong-performing US fund in the Lloyds North American Smaller Companies and Recovery Trust. This is the best performing fund in its sector over one year, fourth over three years and leader over five years.

One hundred pounds invested three years ago would now be worth £161.

Another good performer from Lloyds is its UK Smaller Companies and Recovery Fund, which is second over three years and five years. One hundred pounds invested five years ago would now be worth £208.

☐ The interest on TSB's instant access deposit account is higher than that at Lloyds — 3.95 per cent compared with 3.6 per cent. TSB's 60-day account pays 4.25 per cent, while Lloyds's 30-day account pays 4.05 per cent. Interest-paying cheque accounts at TSB and Lloyds pay 1 per cent and between 0.5 and 2 per cent respectively.

Authorised and unauthorised overdraft rates are also higher at the TSB at 18.8 per cent and 29.8 per cent respectively, compared with between 11.8 and 19.4 per cent and 26.8 per cent at Lloyds.

TSB credit cards pay 17.9 per cent, compared with 22 per cent at Lloyds. Again, all interest rates are based on a monthly sum of £5,000.

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Time to buy, or just a swing?

INVESTMENT STRATEGY



ANTHONY HARRIS

A funny thing happened last Tuesday, unless you were Dean Witter, the brokers who flew in a team of analysts from New York that day. Their aim: to tell a London audience about a US economic miracle, which they believe has come to stay.

An interesting message, on any other day. But by the time the meeting adjourned for lunch, the Dow had fallen more than 60 points, setting off something of a panic in London, and the message was lost on the audience.

Rotten luck, because the New York fall was virtually reversed by bedtime, and London ended the week up.

Both markets are increasingly driven by Japanese money, rather than news. To a chartist, that means simply that although the market may look too high — and in New York technology stocks certainly are too high — they may well go quite a lot higher before they melt down.

Hence the familiar pattern of a rising trend interrupted by panic attacks. If you are out of the market, of course, it looks different: you are hoping for the big break as a buying opportunity.

How big a break and how big an opportunity? That is where Dean Witter's fundamentalist approach comes in.

It is based not on market sentiment, but on some rather striking economic facts, which can be summed up in one phrase: this recovery is quite different from the past few, thanks to de-manning and technical progress.

In the 1975-79 and 1981-86 cycles, the argument goes, real profits per employee rose about 20 per cent, though there was a higher peak the second time round. Since 1991, they have risen by more than 120 per cent, and are still on a strongly rising trend. Margins on sales have nearly doubled, to some 9.5 per cent.

The same trends have been seen in other countries, though they have not been as dramatic. The result has been a total change in competitiveness.

In motors, hardly at the cutting edge, pre-tax margins at 7 per cent are back to near their earlier peak in the mid-1980s: in Japan, in the same decade, margins are down more than 80 per cent.

The Nineties have been kind to profits everywhere, but returns on equity have risen about 25 per cent further in the US than in Europe, and nearly 50 per cent faster than in Germany.

Since the US has also had a longer and stronger recovery than the rest of the developed world, you may think that there is some truth in the old adage that nothing succeeds like success. The main cause, however, is not just growth, but a huge surge in investment in plant.

The capital-to-labour ratio, as estimated by Dean Witter, has risen nearly 40 per cent in three years, led by information technology, where investment has doubled. Since a high return on investment encourages more investment, you might be forgiven for thinking that the gap can only widen.

Finding markets for rising output does not look much of a problem: US exports are now growing nearly 40 per cent faster than world GDP — the sort of figures and ratios that Japan used to produce. It looks like the swing of a pendulum.

However, one big switch was missing from the Dean Witter chartbook. From late 1984 until a few weeks ago, the real exchange rate of the dollar fell almost without a break. Now it is rising again. Is this the underlying cause of the renaissance, and if so, is that recovery itself likely to fizzle out?

I would answer a decisive "yes" to the first question, but a more tentative "no" to the second. A weak dollar certainly did wonders for relative costs and profits. But with the investment momentum that has now been established, competitiveness may survive a strong dollar, just as earlier it survived a strong yen and mark.

If it is now America's turn for a miracle, the market break will be the buy signal of a lifetime. If this is just the swing of the pendulum, not so hot.

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The approach of fireworks night highlights dangers, writes **Helen Pridham**

Parents seek cover to protect children



The number of firework-related injuries last year was the highest for 20 years and more than half those injured were under 15, yet few of them were covered by insurance

The firework season is upon us again and the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents is urging schools to highlight the dangers of firework misuse. The number of firework-related injuries last year was the highest for 20 years and more than half those injured were under 15 years old. Many of them have been left with permanent eye or burn injuries.

Fireworks, though, are only one of many sources of danger for children. Accidents involving children happen all the time. Although children under 16 make up only 20 per cent of the population, they account for 40 per cent of the leisure-related injuries treated in hospital. These include injuries incurred at home and during sports activities, with boys who play rugby particularly at risk. The number of children hurt in road accidents has fallen in recent years, but still accounts for 14 per cent of the total. Yet, of the 11.5 million children in Britain under 16, it is thought that less than 10 per cent have comprehensive insurance cover for accidents.

In an effort to persuade more parents to take out cover for their children, Willis Corroon, the insurance broker, has launched Child Guard, a personal accident policy which pays out lump sums in the event of permanent injury. The payouts vary according to the severity of the disability suffered, ranging from £500 as a result of minor facial disfigurement to £200,000 in the case of total disablement.

Steve Wood of Willis First Response, who developed the plan, says: "All parents would naturally prefer an injured child to get better rather than to have to claim on this type of policy. But if the worst comes to the worst, a cash payment can help to pay for such things as modifications to the home or for extra equipment, such as a computer, to make a disabled child's life easier and more comfortable."

Apart from the lump sum payments, Child Guard provides a number of other benefits including daily payments of £25 if your child is in hospital for more than three days, and tutorial benefits if a child is unable to attend school for more than 30 days after spending more than 14 days in hospital.

It also gives access to a 24-hour family helpline for medical and other advice. Legal expenses cover and a legal advice line is also included. Another useful extra for working parents whose children suddenly fall sick or are injured is a telephone service which can arrange a temporary carer at short notice to look after children for up to 24 hours a day until other care can be arranged. This is paid for by the policy.

The cost of Child Guard depends on how many children you have and what level of cover you select. A choice of one or two units of cover is provided with maximums of £100,000 and £200,000 respectively for total disablement.

With all its additional benefits, Child Guard is the most comprehensive children's personal accident policy currently on the market. Other policies for children concentrate more on the provision of lump sum payments in the event of permanent injury. They are available from Holmwoods, Cigna and Norwich Union. Norwich Union also underwrites the insurance for Child Guard.

Holmwoods is the largest provider of personal accident insurance for children at present. It is a firm of brokers which specialises in schools insurance. It offers group policies through schools as well as individual family cover and currently covers a total of about 750,000 children. Its individual Class Cover policy, which is endorsed by the National Confederation of Parent Teacher Associations, provides many of the same lump benefits as Willis Corroon Child Guard at a lower cost.

For example, under Child Guard's basic policy, a child who lost the sight of one or both eyes would receive £75,000. Under the equivalent Holmwoods policy, a child who lost the sight of both eyes would qualify for the maximum payout of £100,000. If there was a loss of sight in just one eye, though, Holmwoods pays £50,000. Other differences include £10,000 for the loss of a big toe from Holmwoods, and £3,000 from Child Guard. However, in some cases, Child Guard payouts are higher and it does cover dental injury — £50 for the loss of each permanent tooth — while Holmwoods excludes dental injury.

Holmwoods does not offer extra helplines or other add-ons such as tutorial benefits either, although there is a daily benefit of £30 if a child is in hospital or confined at home after hospital treatment. For larger families on a tight budget, Holmwoods policy will be considerably cheaper because everyone with two or more children pays the same premium whereas Child Guard charges extra for each child. Legal expenses and legal advice cover are also available from Holmwoods as an optional extra for £9.25. None of the policies pays out more than £5,000 on the accidental death of a child because parents are not legally entitled to benefit from the death of their child under an insurance policy. The money paid is intended to cover funeral expenses.

THE COST OF INSURING [illegible]

Policy name	Holmwoods Class Cover		Willis Corroon Child Guard		Cigna Firstcover		Norwich Union Teddybear	
No of children:	1	2+	1	2+	1	2+	1	2+
*£100,000	£19	£38	£38	£54-£102	£33	£60	£25	£50+
*£200,000	£28	£56	£54	£85-£179	£51	£96	—	—

*Maximum benefit (cost per annum)

Cover for adults

Adults can also take out personal accident policies which pay out a lump sum if an accident results in serious and permanent injuries. These policies are often offered by banks and building societies. The premiums are modest. Alliance & Leicester, for example, has recently been offering a policy which pays out up to £100,000 for premiums starting at £3.95 a month. However, it is difficult to discover how much is paid out under these policies. The Association of British Insurers does not collect statistics on personal accident policies.

Beating the low-interest blues

Jill Insley on shopping around for the most lucrative home for your savings

Low interest rates might be good news for borrowers who have hefty mortgages to pay off, but they are bad news for investors who are trying to make the most of their savings. The 0.5 per cent interest rate cut by many banks and building societies last month has made it even more important that savers shop around for the most lucrative home for their money.

The Norwich and Peterborough and Northern Rock building societies were first to reduce their rates. Most other deposit-takers have followed this move, with cuts averaging about 0.5 per cent. The Halifax Building Society, for example, has cut the gross interest paid on £10,000 deposits in its Bonus Gold 60 Day account from 6.5 per cent to 5.85 per cent. Abbey National is now paying 5.79 per cent on £10,000 deposits in its high-yield one-year bond account, compared with 6.65 per cent last month.

Interest paid on instant access and cheque accounts has also fallen. Martin Mullany, director of Brooks Macdonald Gayer, the London financial adviser, suggests postal accounts as a convenient, high-interest alternative for those investors who can afford to wait a few days for their money.

Postal account holders are given a supply of withdrawal slips and pre-paid envelopes on opening the account. Whenever they want to take money out, they fill in their slip, send it off, and a cheque from the building society should arrive by return of post.

He adds: "If I was going to change accounts, I would move to a society which has not yet merged or converted to a public limited company. That way I might benefit from a bonus payout as well." Some societies have set a date, usually several months before the official announcement of their plans, by which an account must be opened to qualify for a bonus. But the Halifax allowed accounts to qualify that had opened on the day before it announced plans to convert to a plc.

National Savings provide a secure and attractive alternative to banks and building societies. Amanda Davidson, partner with Holden Meehan, recommends the eighth issue of index-linked certificates which pay 3 per cent above the rate of inflation provided the investor does not withdraw any money within five years. Miss Davidson says: "That might not seem particularly attractive because inflation is so low, but the interest is tax-free, and they are as solid as a rock because they are government-backed. What more could you ask for?" Guides to the full range of National Savings products are available in all post offices, or can be obtained by calling 0500 500 000 or 0645 645 000. Investors who open tax-exempt special savings accounts, or Tessas, when rates of 14 per cent or 15 per cent were paid, may now be earning less than half the original interest. But Tessas started when the scheme was first introduced in January 1991 will begin to mature early next year, and it is probably not worth incurring transfer penalties in the last few months to earn a fraction more interest.

Banks and building societies are expected to flood the market with tempting new schemes in the next few months, so investors will be better off waiting to select the pick of the next crop.

WEEKEND MONEY GUIDE

Best Buys

■ National Savings rates are hard to beat at the moment. The second series, Pensioners Guaranteed Income Bond, designed for people 65 or over, pays interest fixed at 7.5 per cent gross a year for five years on sums from £500 to £20,000.

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■ Cheltenham & Gloucester has revamped its postal account to offer preferential rates of interest to investors who deposit larger sums of money. The London Account now pays 5.5 per cent gross on deposits of £2,500 to £9,999, 5.7 per cent for sums from £10,000 to £24,999, 5.85 per cent gross for sums from £25,000 to £99,999, and 6 per cent gross for deposits of £100,000 or more. The account previously paid a flat rate of 5.95 per cent gross to all investors. Call 0800 717 505.

■ The Co-operative Bank's pathfinder Instant Access account pays 6 per cent gross interest for deposits of £5,000 or more, or regular transfers of £100 a month. Call 0345 252 000.

■ Britannia Building Society's 90-Day Notice Index-Link account is paying 6.1 per cent gross on deposits of £1,000 or more. Call 0800 269 655.

■ Bradford and Bingley Building Society's 60-Day Notice Direct 60 account pays 6.7 per cent gross on deposits from £5,000 to £14,999, and 7.15 per cent gross on amounts from £15,000 to 29,999. Call 0345 248 248.

■ *MoneyFacts* lists details of a wide range of investment and mortgage products. For a free copy call 01692 500 677.

■ Nationwide has launched Bonus Saver, a more flexible regular savers account, that allows customers to vary their monthly payment and miss a payment once a year, should their financial circumstances change. Bonus Saver pays 6 per cent gross to customers who save any amount between £20 and £1,000 a month. After a year, a monthly saving of £20 will be £248, £50 will be £619, £100 will be £1,239, £250 will be £3,097, and £1,000 will be £12,390. The account also offers bonus holidays and a car. Call 01793 513513.

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Making money out of negative equity



COMMENT

ANNE ASHWORTH

Personal Finance Editor

Someone, somewhere in the insurance world believes that house prices have not much further to fall.

This is the obvious conclusion to be drawn from the launch this week of a negative equity insurance policy. The cover is part of a package designed to promote a North West builder's houses. But the broker involved, the Chester-based DTE Insurance, is also talking to a regional building society with an estate agency arm.

Since one supposes that the insurers underwriting the policy see this as business from which they can make money, they must be convinced that property prices are not a bad bet.

The construction company, David McLean, feels that negative equity insurance will encourage confidence in the absence of Government measures to revive the housing market. But, if this type of cover becomes widely available, the reaction of the potential buyer will be harder to gauge.

To the thousands who find it impossible, despite the statistics, to shake off the belief that property inevitably appreciates, negative equity insurance would be unthinkable. Those of a realistic mindset might feel tempted. Until, that is, they saw the bill. Buyers of McLean homes will, for example, get £5,000 worth of cover free. For each extra £1,000 worth, they will pay a one-off premium of £87.50, giving a total of £1,750 for £20,000 worth of cover. Reasonable, perhaps, to protect yourself against steep declines in value, but expensive if prices remain roughly stable (the view, it would seem, of the insurers). Added to the various insurances now associated with homebuying, it would act as something of a dampener. Figures from Chase de Vere Mortgage Management show that a 30-year-old borrowing £90,000 against a £100,000 house could expect to pay about £192 a year for mortgage protection insurance. Unemployment cover, made essential by the income support cutbacks, is another £480 a year. Since our borrower is taking a 90 per cent loan, he may also face a £1,000 one-off mortgage indemnity guarantee premium. All these before he makes his £682-a-month mortgage payment.

Negative equity insurance raises all sorts of questions but one thing is sure. Commisssions. You may not benefit but the person selling it to you will.

Cruellest cut

FOR those employees fearing the loss of livelihood in a banking or insurance merger, there is now a new anxiety. It is rumoured the Inland Revenue would dearly love to tax redundancy payments. Currently the first £30,000 worth of any payment is tax-free, a concession designed to lessen the pain of job loss. The only exception to this rule are golden handshakes paid as part of a contract. Terminal bonuses made to those loyal to the very end who do extra work during the period leading up to redundancy are also taxable.

Accountants are divided as to whether Kenneth Clarke will side with the Revenue on this issue. Some point out that taxing redundancy payments would raise close to £1 billion in a year. This is equivalent to ½p off income tax, an attractive prospect for a Chancellor who has now promised the middle classes their Budget reward. But others argue that the cuddly Mr Clarke does not have it in him to be so vindictive. Especially when he could gather in the same amount of money from doubling insurance premium and airport passenger taxes, those little extras that we hardly notice.

Did he know?

THE Gucci family saga, where two wives and a mistress wrangle over the estate of deceased playboy Paulo Gucci, will prove to be excellent publicity for Make a Will Week. Starting on Monday, we will be exhorted to prepare our last testaments, or risk leaving a legacy of resentment to our heirs. As we explain on page 36, those who have cohabited, serially or otherwise, must, in particular, sort out their affairs, as the law only recognises and rewards the bonds of matrimony. Did Paulo know this? We await the next episode.

Moore's almanac predicts punters' premium prizes

Can you beat Ernie at the numbers game? asks **Morag Preston**

A postman might well be the last person to whom you would turn for financial advice. But David Moore aims to change all that by delivering to Britain's Premium Bond holders the formula that could send their chances of success with Ernie into orbit.

"Watch your chances rocket... bring your chances down to less than 5/1," is just one of the more dramatic claims made in the publicity to launch Mr Moore's book *How to Increase Your Chances of Winning on the Premium Bonds*, and has helped to attract criticism from the Advertising Standards Authority.

Mr Moore, 44, a Salisbury postman, assures readers that by using his unique system, they will secure 650 extra chances of winning on the Premium Bonds for less than £10. "You may not win," says the author, "but it's very little to lose for all those extra chances. I'm just amazed that no one else has thought of it."

"It's not illegal, but it's nothing to do with National Savings (NS)," said a spokeswoman. "All we have checked, is that any factual information on Premium Bonds and National Savings is correct." However, Mr Moore is not allowed to mention National Savings in his advertisements.

Anyone who replies to Mr Moore's advertisement and sends £7.95, plus post and packaging, will receive a slim 12-page booklet, of which two pages list past Premium Bond winners in huge print. Mr Moore says: "I can't tell people that they're going to win, but if you use this formula, you can increase your chances of winning by buying more bonds for a very low premium."

Using NS calculations that each Premium Bond has a one in 15,000 chance of winning a prize, Mr Moore has worked out that with an extra 200 bonds, holders can raise their chances to one in 75 until with an extra 3,000 bonds, the chances are up to below one in five. "You have to equate the cost of purchasing the extra bonds against the prize that you might win," he said.

But a win is far from guaranteed using Mr Moore's system — his booklet merely explains how to obtain more money to purchase more Premium Bonds. It is based on a new rule introduced by National Savings in February 1994, that customers only have to hold their bonds for one calendar month. Mr Moore's top-up system involves extra form filling, and complicated transfers of cash made with split-second timing.

Mr Moore's first bonds were bought for him when he was just three, but his "winning" strategy only came to him when National Savings changed the rules. Using his system, Mr Moore bought 650 bonds for £9.75 for the October draw, and has purchased 1,000 bonds at a cost of £15 for the November draw. But since the publication of his booklet last June, Mr Moore has only won £50 on two occasions.

"I can't say it has been overly successful," he admitted ruefully. "I am very frustrated about it." Mr Moore has sold only 61 copies of his booklet, two of which were returned, because of the "uncertain position" the applicants were in, and the author was forced to knock £2 off the cover price last August. "People say it sounds marvellous," he says, "but why aren't they buying the book?"

Mr Moore targeted his booklet at the over-50s, and placed advertisements in two publications for pensioners. He did not refer his advertisement to the Advertising Standards Authority, which said the author must be able to substantiate his claims. Grahame Fowler, of the ASA, said: "It is a very definite measurable claim."



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Chasing the £1million jackpot

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- Each Premium Bond has a 1 in 15,000 chance of winning a prize.
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The five crucial questions

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- Is the performance consistently good over the long term?
- Is the provider financially sound? Will it still be there when your investment matures?
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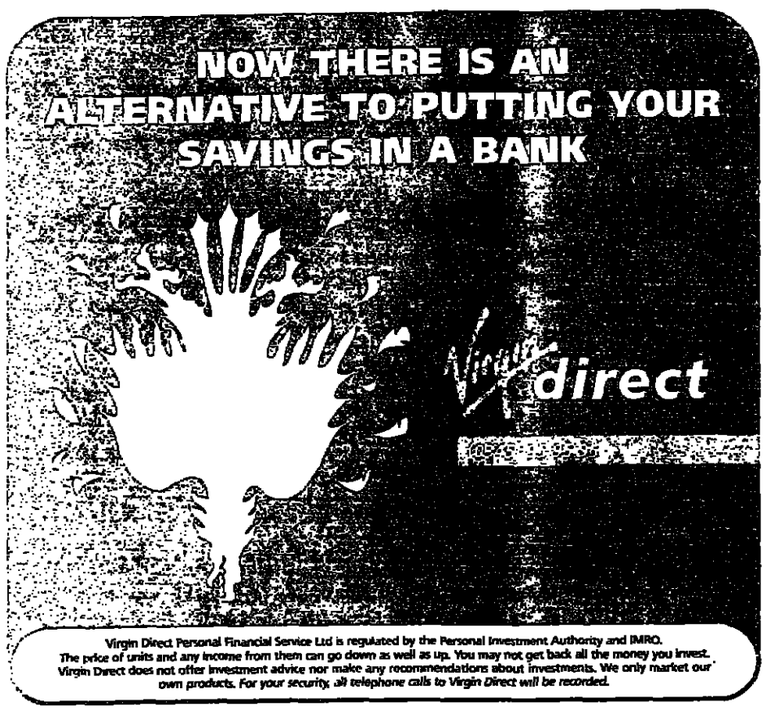
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Sara McConnell helps you to weather a cold season of tax demands

Fallen in their estimation

Millions of people have in the past few weeks received tax demands that the Inland Revenue admits are almost certainly wrong. But anyone who does not appeal within 30 days may have to pay the full demand, even if their real income is far below that used to calculate the figures.

October marks the yearly charade of the estimated tax assessment for those who have to fill in a tax return. This system will be swept away next year in a radical overhaul and streamlining of tax collection. Until then, an estimated four and a half million self-employed and the same number again who earn extra income from freelance, investments or lettings, for example — which falls outside Pay-As-You-Earn (Paye) — will receive an estimated tax assessment.

If you are one of those, you may have filed your tax return for 1994-95 over the summer. Returns are sent out at the beginning of the tax year in April. You are meant to complete your return within 30 days but the Revenue allows you until October 31.

The Revenue says, however, that it has to start sending out tax demands in August to give people time to appeal and/or pay, even though most people have not yet filed their tax returns by then.

Also, many self-employed have year ends for their businesses that do not coincide with those for tax years. So the Revenue guesses what you have earned in 1994-95. The figures normally bear little relation to anything you have already told the taxman and are often higher than your real income. But unless you want to pay tax on the Revenue estimate, you have to take action and appeal against the figures. Throwing the demand in the waste-paper basket is disastrous.

Accountants believe this system is time-consuming and causes serious anxiety. Andrew Shaw, of Kingston Smith, the London-based accountant, says: "It is a way of reminding people to get their affairs in order. But it is a blunt instrument and incredibly frustrating for us and the taxpayer. It is a complete waste of time and money for everyone. But you must lodge an appeal."

Maurice Fitzpatrick, of Chantrey Vellacott, the chartered accountant, says: "The figure will be a round sum, which the Revenue will say is based broadly on your current assessment. But when you get too large a figure, this can cause genuine concern."

If you need to appeal, you have several options. You can appeal against the estimate and ask for the tax to be "stood down" to give you time to tell the taxman what you have really earned.

Alternatively, you can appeal but still pay the tax demanded. When the actual figures are worked out, you pay the rest or get a rebate. If you pay the demand without appealing, you may not get a rebate if the figure turns out to be too high. If you do nothing, you could face paying tax on a higher amount than you have earned, plus interest.



Revenue to get tough as deadlines pass

Some taxpayers who do not file their tax returns on time could find themselves accruing interest on unpaid tax almost immediately, Moores Rowland, the chartered accountant, said this week. The deadline for filing 1994-95 tax returns is October 31 (Sara McConnell writes).

Annie Bailey, tax manager at Moores Rowland, said: "In order to avoid any overlap of the two systems, the Revenue will want to make sure that as many people as possible are up to date with their returns before the self-assessment regime begins in 1997."

The Revenue denied it had a "get tough" policy but said: "The last thing we want is people still trying to catch up with arrears when we move to the new system."

Those who do not file their return on time face a penalty of 7 per cent interest, calculated from the date tax would have been due if the return had been filed on time. Under the present tax regime, income from different sources becomes liable to tax at different times of the year. Capital gains tax is due on December 1 following the end of the tax year in which it is incurred. Higher-rate taxpayers also have to pay extra tax on building society and bank deposits and other investments from which only basic rate tax has been deducted on December 1.

Tax on income from lettings and other investments is due on January 1 following the end of the year in which it is incurred. Interest on unpaid tax will therefore clock up from December 1. These different dates will disappear under the new system of self assessment.

From April 1997, all income will be declared on one return and there will be one date when tax is due (except for the self-employed — see opposite). Tax return deadlines will also come forward. Next year, in preparation for the new system, the deadline for 1995-96 returns will be October 5. In 1997, when self-assessment forms go out, returns must be back by September 30.

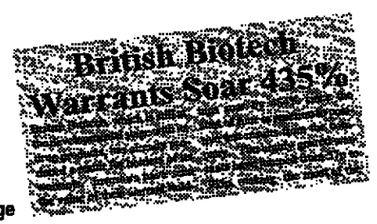
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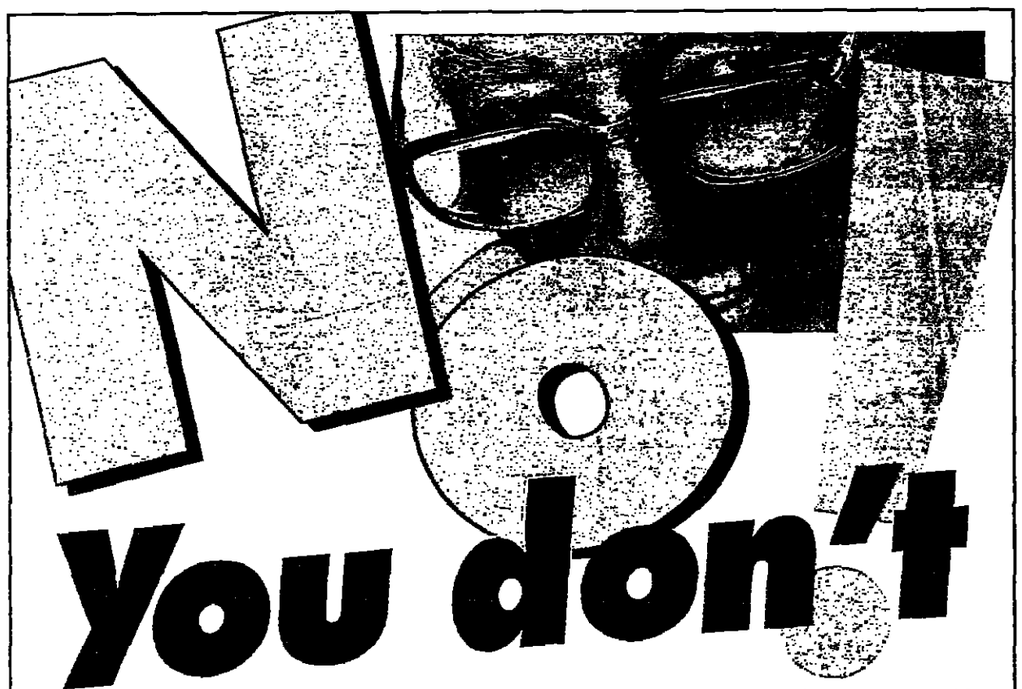
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and suggests ways of working out what you owe the Inland Revenue

Assessments out as DIY returns make their debut

The annual confusion over estimated tax assessments should be nothing more than a bad memory in two years' time (*Sara McConnell writes*). Plans to make the tax system less complex and more streamlined are intended to "get rid of the palaver of estimated assessments", as one Revenue official put it.

Under the new system, which starts in April 1997, anyone who has to fill in a tax return will have the option of working out their own tax. Then you just send in a cheque for the tax you owe. Alternatively, you can ask the Revenue to calculate what you owe. You will have to give actual figures, not estimates.

All sources of income will be filed on one tax return. If you want the Revenue to work out your tax, you will have to file by September 30 and pay your tax bill at the end of the following January. If you want to work out things for yourself, you send in your completed return and a cheque at the end of January following the end of the tax year. If you are self-employed, you will be taxed on your profits in the year you earned them, rather than in the year after as they are at present.

You will make two payments on account, based on the previous year's figures, one in the January of the tax year and the second in July following the end of the tax year starting in April 1997.

There will be no need for estimated assessments because there will be set times for filing returns and all the relevant information will be on one return.

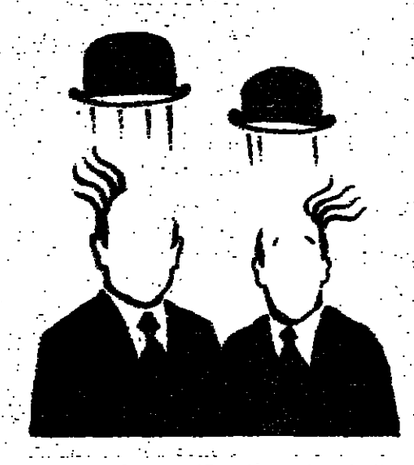
For the first time, there will be fixed penalties for failing to put in tax returns on time. It is intended to be straightforward, but there are some complex transitional arrangements for some self-employed people. If you started in business on or after April 6, 1994, your profits will already be taxed on a current year basis, that is, in the year that you earned them. If you were already established by April 1994, you will pay tax in January and July 1996 on the existing preceding year basis, that is, on profits earned in 1994-95.

In 1996-97, you will pay tax based on half your two years' profits in 1995-96 and 1996-97. In November 1996, you will be sent a "charge", with details of what the Revenue considers your "assessable profit", effectively a payment on account for 1996-97, based on your 1995-96 tax liability.

You will have to pay this in two instalments in January and July 1997. You can reduce the charge if your profits have fallen drastically over this period. You will have to pay the tax in two instalments in January and July 1997. You will pay your first tax on the current year basis on profits earned in 1997-98. You will make a first payment on account in January 1998. This bill will also include any unpaid tax from 1996-97, after which all profits will be taxed in the year earned.



Taxman Ted prepares self-assessment in for April 1997



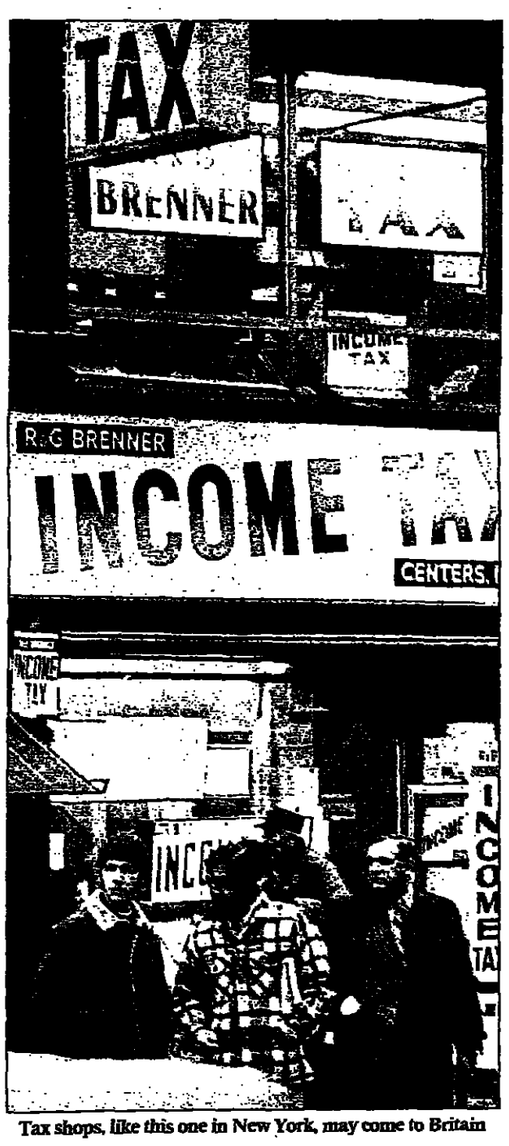
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Americans look for happy returns in UK high streets



Tax shops, like this one in New York, may come to Britain

The typical British high street has branches of M&S, Next, Woolworths ... and a tax shop. Or it could have soon. In less than two years, nine million Britons will be faced for the first time with the prospect of working out their own tax.

At the very least, they will have to give actual figures, not estimates. Either way, more people are likely to need help, but may not necessarily want to hire an accountant.

US firms are now eagerly eyeing up British high streets with a view to setting up American-style tax shops. This week H&R Block, the leading US tax return preparer, said it was "seriously investigating" the possibilities of the UK market, including setting up shops, and offering franchises and consultancies to British tax specialists, although no final decision has been made.

> The whole country erupts into a frenzy of paperwork at the end of the tax year

H&R Block's tax shops are a familiar sight in shopping malls across America. Chris Meck, director of franchise operations for H&R Block Tax Services, describes the company as the "volume preparer", aiming mainly at those who want help with their tax returns without having to pay an accountant.

Americans have had to work out their own tax for years and all Americans have to file tax returns. Federal, state and city returns have to be filed separately and the whole country erupts into a frenzy of paperwork in the weeks leading up to the final filing date on April 15.

Anyone can walk into an H&R Block shop and get help with their tax return. Some people, however, prefer to make an appointment to see the same tax preparer every year, to get more of a personal service.

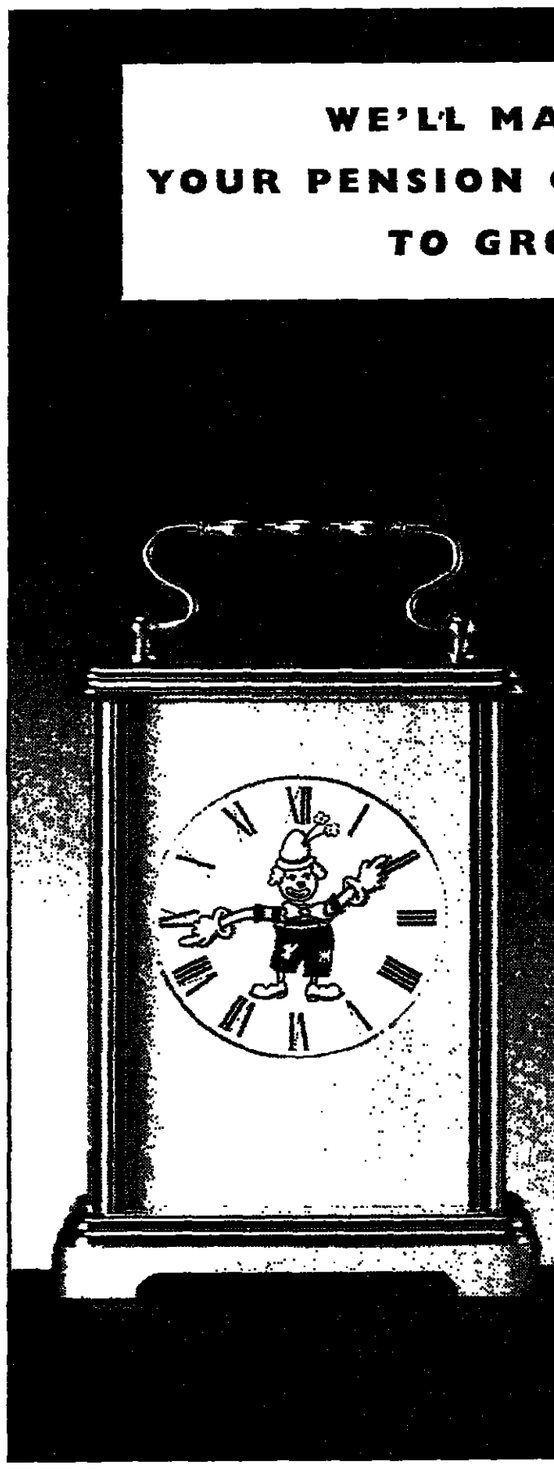
For the past few years, preparers have been able to fill in the return electronically and send it directly into the computers of the Internal Revenue Service, the US equivalent of the Inland Revenue, although the taxpayer still has to send a signed document to make the return legal.

Preparers have to go through an intensive three-month training course before being let loose on customers and attend regular refresher courses to keep them up to date with changes in tax law. But if they make mistakes, H&R Block guarantees that it will pay any penalties or interest incurred by customers. Mr Meck said the company had not yet investigated the British system thoroughly enough to say whether similar guarantees would apply here.

Not surprisingly, accountants in the UK are contemplating this competition uneasily.

Many believe that self-assessment will be more complicated than the Revenue likes to admit and that more people will need help. But they want to be the ones to give it.

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An industry digs itself out

PENSION WATCH

Caroline Merrell checks progress in the review of mis-sold pensions



Miners are among those who were mis-sold personal pensions and who may now be in line for compensation

In the latest episode in the long-running personal pensions scandal, hundreds of thousands of people have, in the past few weeks, received questionnaires from the company or adviser that provided them with their personal pension. The document poses questions about the circumstances of the pension sale and is a stage in the process of compensation for those who were incorrectly advised to buy personal pensions, or transfer out of company pension schemes, in an orgy of mis-selling in the late Eighties and early Nineties.

A year ago, the Securities & Investments Board (SIB), the chief City watchdog, outlined the plans for the compensation procedure. At stake was one issue: Whether it was in the clients' best interests to transfer out of their company pension into a personal pension, or to opt out to join an occupational scheme. In all these cases, the personal pension policyholder would be giving up guaranteed benefits for ones which were not guaranteed. They could also be giving up any contribution made by the employer. Most employers contribute to occupational schemes, but few do to personal pensions. Mineworkers and nurses are among those who have been mis-sold pensions.

The purpose of the review is to put those who have been mis-sold personal pensions back in the position they would have been in if they had not bought the pension.

KEY QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Q Who gets the letters and questionnaires?

A The SIB ruled that it was important for insurance companies and independent financial advisers to find those who had been most disadvantaged by buying a personal pension. These will be those who had opted out of, or not joined, their company pension scheme — in most cases this would be bad advice and involves compensation. The argument against pensions transfers are not as strong.

Priority cases also include those where the policyholder has died, those who were aged over 35 at the time of the opt out, men over 55 at the time of transfer, or women aged over 50 at the time of the transfer. The SIB wants these cases to be reviewed by the end of this year. The less high priority cases, which include those who were under 35 when they took out a personal pension, or who are no longer with the same employer, have to be reviewed by the middle and end of next year, respectively.

Q What are the stages of the review process?

A If you are one of those who could have been mis-sold a personal pension, you will receive the questionnaire, followed by two reminders, a month apart. After these have been sent, the case will be closed, and you will have forfeited your right to any compensation. In some cases, the company may call you to remind you about the form.

Q What happens after the questionnaire has been filled in?

A The company will try to work out if you are a victim of mis-selling. If it finds you are, it will put you back in the position you would have been in, if you had not bought the personal pension. This could include putting you back in the occupational scheme, or if you have subsequently retired, buying you the benefits you have given up. If you are the spouse or dependant of a policyholder who has since died, you could be in line for "death in service" benefits which your relative gave up.

Q Who pays for this process?

A Your pension provider, or your independent financial adviser, will foot the bill for this process. The money to buy back these rights will come from the personal pension you have taken out. This is unlikely to cover the costs; any shortfall will be made up by the company or IFA. Estimates of the average cost per case range between £5,000 and £10,000.

Q Do you have to rejoin the company scheme?

A No. If you want to keep on paying into your personal pension scheme rather than rejoining your occupational one, you can do so. You may have strong objections to your company scheme, in spite of any guarantees it provides or any contributions your employer may make.

The extent of the problem

The SIB estimated the total number of opt-outs to be 450,000, non-joiners to be one million and pension transfers to be 600,000. Below are details of where some of the bigger companies are in the review process.

Allied Dunbar has sent out 200,000 questionnaires. It says it has also sent out most of the follow-ups, and has received a very good response. It claims the overwhelming majority of these are not problem cases, and only a very small percentage will be entitled to compensation. BAT, Allied Dunbar and Eagle Star's parent company has made a £123 million provision for pension compensation for both companies.

Barclays has sent questionnaires to 150,000 policyholders. More than 60 per cent, or 90,000, have replied. The company said fewer than 10 per cent of these seem to be problem cases. It has so far compensated 200 people and made a provision of £58 million.

Prudential claimed it was not involved in pensions mis-selling. The company has sent out more than 220,000 questionnaires; the total will soon reach 300,000. It says it is too early to tell the extent of the problem and refuses to divulge the provision it has made in its accounts for compensation.

Pearl has sent out 260,000 questionnaires. It claims it has had a 75 per cent response rate, but says it is too early to say what the results of the review are.

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Ruling out the risk of a fiasco

Robert Miller on innovations in the venture capital industry


DARRELL REES

Investors in venture capital situations should view the roller-coaster antics of the stock market this week — down 50 points on Tuesday alone before making up lost ground — with a degree of calm. For a start, the shares in the underlying companies are not quoted and the good venture capital managers — the business angels — are adept at assessing different degrees of risk — that is, after all, their business.

But if timing, not to mention a bit of luck, is all in investment, then it is even more crucial in venture capital companies. For every success there are at least two failures. The good news for investors is that, at long last, the venture capital industry is beginning to polarise with different investment vehicles operating in more clearly defined markets.

The latest innovation is the new-style Venture Capital Trusts (VCTs) which offer tax breaks. VCT shares must be held for five years, although income may be withdrawn during that period. To date, only Murray Johstone has a VCT up and running after raising just over £18 million. Baronsmead and Northern Venture Managers, have offers open, while Friends Provident may join in soon.

VCTs are a government-inspired vehicle which Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, had hoped would raise billions of pounds in the first few years. Actually, if they raise hundreds of millions of pounds in that time, they will have done well.

There are those who say that a lot of money has already been recently raised through other venture capital vehicles, such as specialist investment trusts and funds, and much of it still has to be invested. Too much money waiting for suitable venture capital situations — more than 60 per cent is being invested in management buyouts and buy-ins — is almost as bad as too little funding. Tim Levett, investment director of Northern Venture Managers, which hopes to raise at least £15 million for its VCT, says that it is taking time to explain to investors the key differences between the new VCT and the old, and largely discredited, BES (Business Expansion Scheme). He believes: "There are now strict rules in place so that there will not be a repeat of the old BES fiascos of the late 1980s." Then, anybody could start up a BES.

Now, says Mr Levett: "We have to satisfy the Stock Exchange that we have a proven track record of at least three years in managing venture capital money and that we have managed funds the size of which are at least as big as the sum we are trying to raise." The underlying investment in a VCT cannot exceed £1 million in any one company in a year and that company must have gross assets of less than £10 million.

Northern Ventures can point the Stock Exchange in the direction of its Northern Investors investment trust to establish its credibility. In the past year, the Micropal figures show it has produced a near 18 per cent return on every £100 invested, not taking into account dealing charges.

The most risk-averse route to venture capital is through the Venture and Capital Development sector of quoted investment trusts. This is dominated by 3i, the flagship of the movement. But there are many other managers who have made their mark, including Electra, Dunedin, Abingworth, Foreign & Colonial, Murray Johstone, Kleinwort, Candover and Shroders.

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NATIONAL WILLS WEEK

The perils of intestacy

FEW of us would willingly hand over our favourite possessions and hard-earned savings to a stranger to distribute. Yet anyone who fails to make a will is effectively giving the State carte blanche to decide how to divide assets on death, and allowing the Inland Revenue to grab a slice.

The Law Society, which this week embarks on its fifth Make A Will Week, estimates 66 per cent of adults do not have proper wills. Yet dying intestate — the legal term for dying without a will — can cause even more heartache for your loved ones, as the following imaginary cases illustrate.

REPORTS BY KAREN ZAGOR

Making a will is not an expensive business. Most solicitors charge between £30 and £100 for a relatively straightforward will. Fees will be higher if there are complicated provisions or extensive tax work.

Before visiting a solicitor, draw up a list of assets and liabilities to get an idea of the size of your estate. Liz Cohen, tax partner at Nabarro Nathanson, said: "Try to remember everything. People tend to forget that things like insurance and life policies are part of an estate. They can add quite a bit if not dealt with correctly."

Through the use of trusts, these policies can go straight to your family without incurring inheritance tax. You can also set up trusts to allow your children to inherit the full £154,000 tax-free amount from both parents without depriving your surviving spouse.

A will gives you the freedom to distribute your possessions as you see fit, and to give to friends as well as family. You can decide exactly who will inherit your stamp collection or your priceless back issues of *Beano*.

You can also make provisions for people who believe they are owed something from you estate, such as former spouses. "When someone dies intestate you get a queue of people trying to get something from the estate," said Ms Cohen.

"By making a provision in your will, you make it more difficult for them to challenge" It is important to think of executors who will implement the will. "Ms Cohen recommended choosing two people, one who knows the family well and another who will understand the legal paperwork.

If you have children, a will is where you should name a guardian in case both parents are killed in an accident. Before seeing a solicitor, make sure the person you would like to look after your children is comfortable with that role.

Unmarried partners are particularly vulnerable without wills. "Most of the injustices occur when one unmarried partner dies," said Ms Cohen. Property can be held in joint names, but a will ensures that your other belongings go to the person you love.

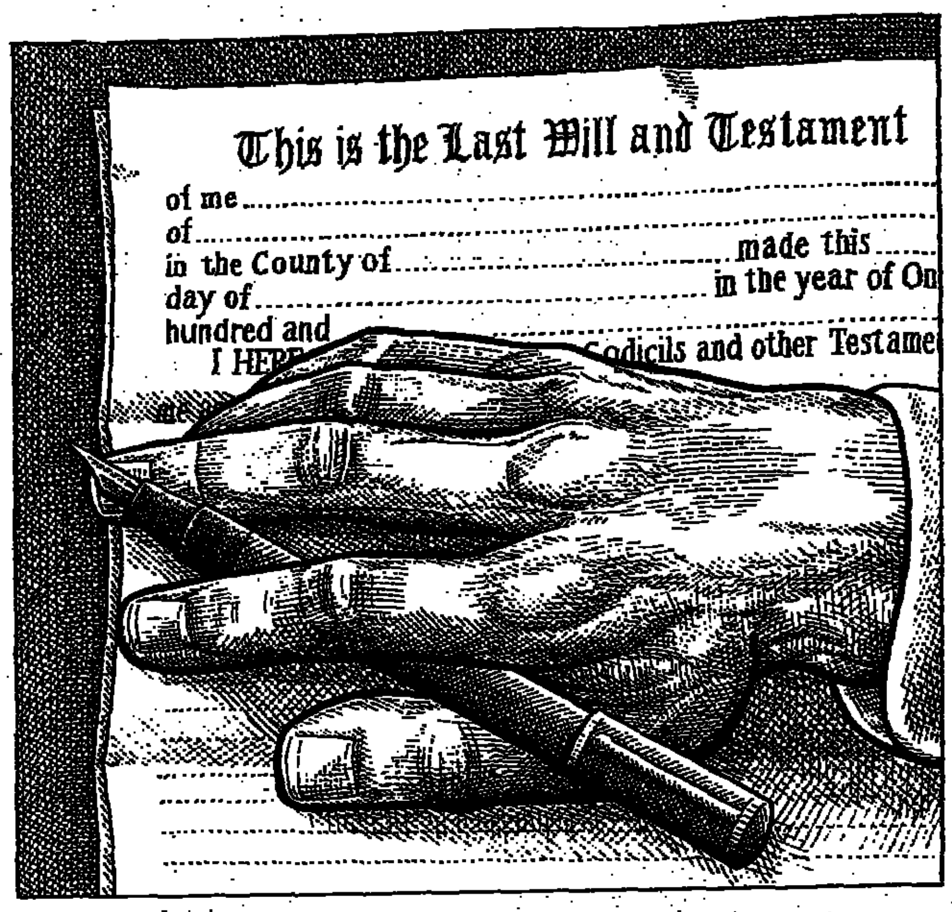
Under the intestacy rules, the estate of a person who dies without a will goes to the nearest blood relative. First there is the surviving spouse, followed by children, grandchildren and the deceased's parents. The next of kin has complete control on how the estate is distributed. A third cousin would have more of a claim to the estate than a common law partner.

If there are no living relatives, the Crown takes all. This can be devastating for a common law partner. It is also a consideration for a single person with no relatives, who might prefer the estate to go to a charity.

Leaving money to charity can be an effective means of tax planning, since it reduces the value of the estate for tax purposes, lightening the tax burden on your survivors. If there's a mass family disaster the charity of your choice will benefit instead of a distant cousin you've never met.

You can also make your own will, but this should only be considered if your tax situation is very straightforward and your personal life is uncomplicated. For a will to be valid, it must be signed by two witnesses who are not beneficiaries or spouses of beneficiaries. The *Which?* Publications book *Wills and Probate* is a useful guide on making a will without a solicitor.

Once you have a will, it should be kept in a safe place and updated regularly.



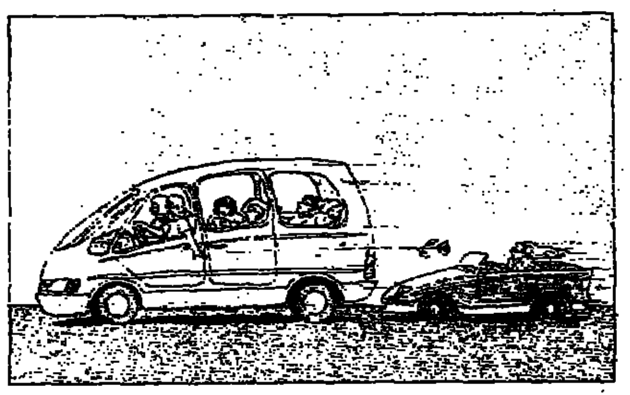
Mother could suffer double loss

JASON BROWN and Victoria White are unmarried. Like the Smiths (below, right), they have two children and a home, worth £160,000, in Jason Brown's name.

If Jason dies intestate, Victoria will receive nothing. The estate will be held in statutory trusts for the children, who will inherit at the age of 18. They will have to pay inheritance tax of 40 per cent on everything above £154,000. These taxes may be significant, given that the home alone pushes them above the tax-free threshold. If Jason's estate does not have enough funds to pay the tax bill, the home may have to be sold.

If Victoria wants to keep the home, she *could* make a claim on the estate if she was being supported by Jason before his death. But this takes time and money, and Victoria would have to prove her case. She might be able to stay in the home with the children until they reached the age of 18. She might also have to fight for the furniture and the car.

Shares for families



DOMINIC GRANT and Phoebe Jones are married with two children. Phoebe has two children from a previous marriage; Dominic has three from his previous marriage. He also has a mistress living in a flat held in his name.

If Dominic died without making a will, Phoebe would be in the same position as every other married woman and get the chattels, the £125,000 legacy and interest from half the remaining funds.

The other half of the funds would be divided between *Dominic's children: those* from his second marriage and all three from his first. Although Dominic *may* have helped raise the children from Phoebe's first marriage, they would not be entitled to anything unless Dominic had adopted them.

Dominic's mistress would also be left out of the inheritance. The flat would be considered part of Dominic's estate to be divided between his relatives.

An illegitimate child, however, would have the same rights as Dominic's other children. The mistress could claim against Dominic's estate if she could prove that he had supported her.

If Dominic had been paying his first wife maintenance, she also might be able to claim *against the estate.*

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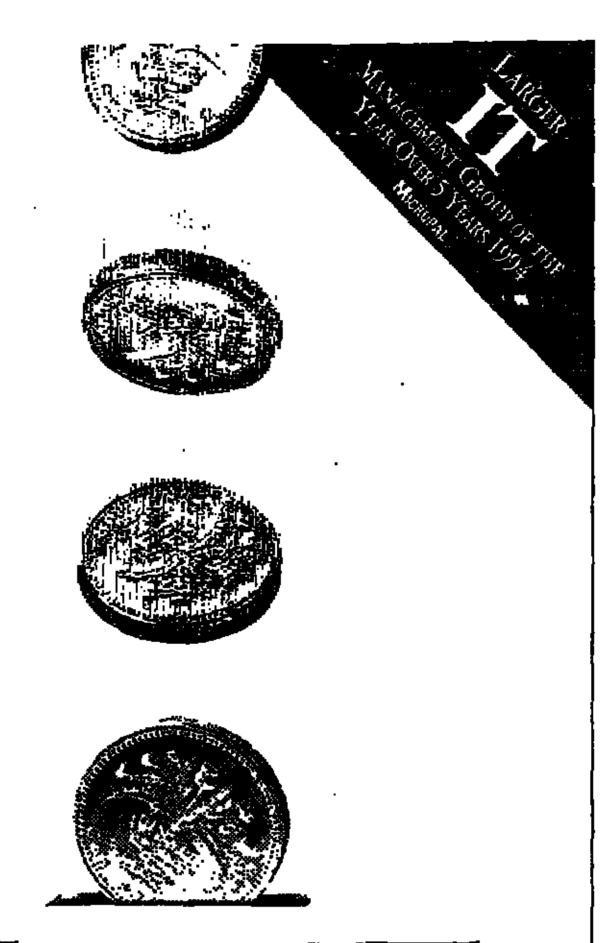


MR AND MRS SMITH and their two children live in a £160,000 house. If Mr Smith dies without a will, his wife will be entitled to personal chattels such as furniture, clothing and physical belongings including cars. She will get a statutory legacy, which is a cash sum of up to £125,000.

If the Smiths' home is in Mr Smith's name only, it will not automatically go to his wife. Mrs Smith could apply her £125,000 cash sum towards the value of the house, *but* she would have to make up the remaining £35,000 if she *wanted to own it outright.* Anything left over will be divided into two equal funds. One of the funds will be held for the children on statutory trusts until they reach the age of 18. The second will be invested on the wife's behalf and she will get any income from the funds. There are many restrictions on the way this money can be invested because there is a responsibility to protect the capital. When Mrs Smith dies, the capital will be passed to the children.

Spouses do not pay inheritance tax so Mrs Smith would *not have to pay tax on anything* she receives on her husband's death. If Mr Smith *had made a will, Mrs Smith* would have been able to receive the entire estate, tax-free.

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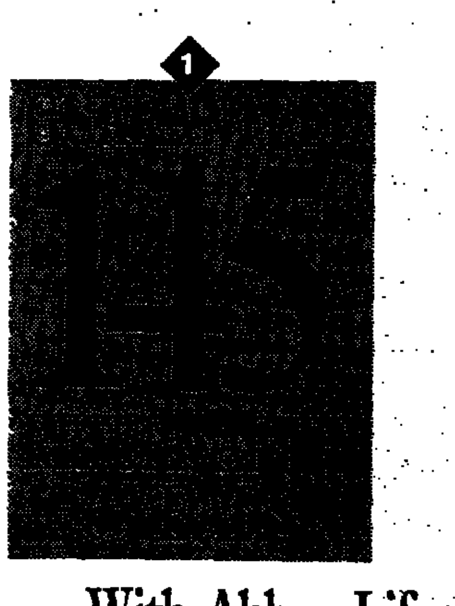
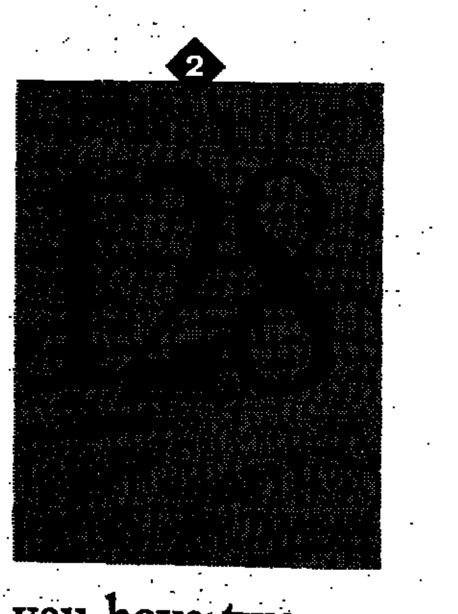
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Can you prove your ID?

Some building societies still do not display relevant guidelines in branches, says Sara McConnell

Savers trying to open building society and bank accounts are still being turned away because they cannot produce proof of identity in the form demanded by the society. One reader recently produced his current council tax bill, credit card, cheque guarantee card, library card, church membership card, a coach discount card with photograph, retired staff membership card and B&Q over-60s card, but was still refused because these were not what the society specified.

And ten months after *The Times* first highlighted this problem, some societies are still refusing to help their customers by displaying lists of acceptable identification in branches so that they can come prepared.

The Woolwich promised to review its stance on this in January after customers complained to *Weekend Money* about the heavyhanded approach of some of its branch staff. But it concluded that "a notice would largely get lost. It could also be a disincentive. We want to be able to talk to our customers, not hide behind a lot of notices".

The Britannia also displays no notices in branches. Instead, like the Woolwich, the necessary information is hidden away in the leaflets advertising the various accounts.

Customers of the Bristol & West and the Birmingham Midshires, however, will be able to come armed with the relevant identification. B&W now displays notices in all its branches, after the article in *The Times* in January. Birmingham Midshires has a special leaflet, *Working together to stop Money Laundering*, listing acceptable forms of identification.

Many societies have seen unprecedented levels of business this summer as small savers tried to second-guess the next takeover target and open accounts to benefit from any bonus payouts. Anyone trying to open an account will now be aware, if they were not already, of the detailed identification requirements. These were tightened up when EU money laundering regulations were implemented in the UK last year after heightened concern over the disposal of proceeds from drug sales and other criminal deals through the banking system.

Under the regulations, any financial institution "entering a business relationship" with a customer has to have "satisfactory evidence of the identity of the person who is the applicant".

Most societies insist on the production of something that includes a photograph and/or signature (a passport, union card, work pass, driving licence) and something bearing an address (household bill in the applicant's name, rent book, driving licence).

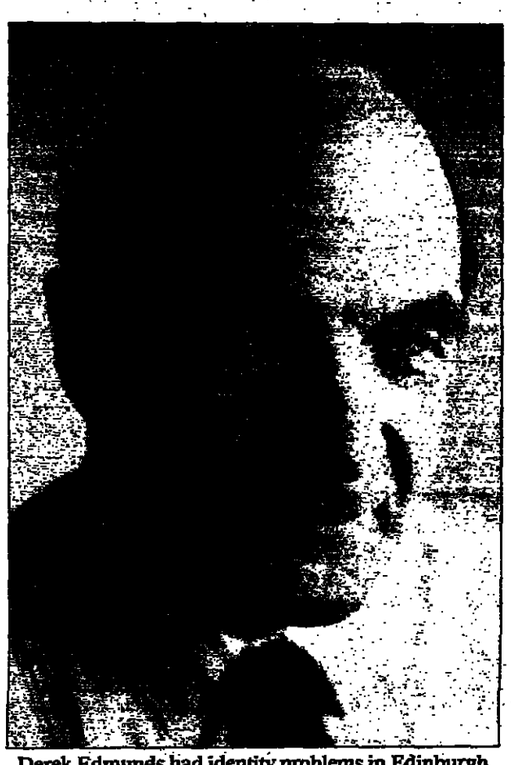
Confusingly, societies and banks have different rules. At the Woolwich, if you produce a driving licence as evidence of your signature, you still have to have something else with your current address on. But at the Britannia, a driving licence will suffice for both. By contrast, the society will demand proof of your address if you produce a passport. The Abbey National requires two documents with your address on, one less than four months old and one more than 12 months old, plus a driving licence or a passport.

Branch staff have normally been told not to accept anything not on their list, which can lead to anger and humiliation when other apparently acceptable forms of identity are refused.

Adrian Coles, the director-general of the Building Societies Association, says: "There is currently no one document which bears the holder's name, address and photograph: UK passports do not bear addresses and driving licences (with the exception of those issued in Northern Ireland) do not bear photographs.

"In the absence of a national identity card which could hold all the information necessary for identification purposes, a variety of documents may need to be considered as acceptable alternatives."

Don't bank on easy cash with Visa



Derek Edmunds had identity problems in Edinburgh

HOLDERS of Visa credit or debit cards trying to withdraw cash from a bank branch have little chance unless they are carrying a "government or official document" as identification (Sara McConnell writes). Nothing less than a passport or a driving licence will do, as *Times* reader Derek Edmunds discovered. His Inner London Magistrates Court identity card was not official enough for the Royal Bank of Scotland's Princes Street branch in Edinburgh.

Mr Edmunds, a businessman who lives in Chelsea, wanted to draw £100 out of the bank on his Robert Fleming gold Visa card. He had refused to memorise the personal identification number (PIN) linked to his card "as I don't trust the bank system's judgment when it comes to phantom withdrawals". But the bank refused to hand over the money without sight of a passport or driving licence. Mr Edmunds had neither his passport nor his driving licence with him. He did have his Inner London Magistrates' Court identity card with name, signature and photograph. But this was refused.

The bank only paid up when Mr Edmunds discovered a photocopy of his driving licence in his wallet, kept there in case he needed to prove his age. He was amazed that the bank accepted a photocopy. He says: "I could have just stolen a driving licence and photocopied it". He adds: "Shops all over the UK release goods every day worth hundreds of pounds once the credit card slip has been signed. If they can do it without proof of identity, why can't Visa?"

Visa says its main interest is in preventing fraudulent use of stolen cards and argues that fraudsters with stolen cards are keener on getting cash than going on a shopping spree, so cash withdrawals are particularly vulnerable to fraud. It has issued instructions to all its member banks and building societies in the UK to demand proof of identity with a "government issued or official document" — a passport or driving licence. Banks could accept other documents, "but only at their own risk".

Royal Bank of Scotland says the final decision lies with the branch. As a rule, it does not usually accept identification such as a work pass, even if it has a photograph and signature. "We know it can be frustrating but it is to protect cardholders from fraud."

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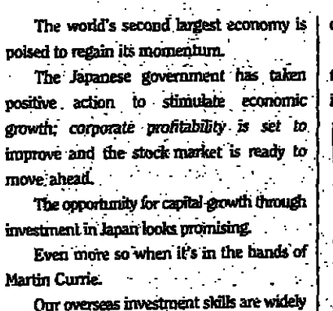
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Policy Portfolio, who deal with traded endowment policies (Teps), has published a guide called *How to Sell an Endowment Policy* which explains the possibility of selling an unwanted policy as an alternative to surrendering it. The guide is available free to policyholders by calling the Policy Portfolio helpline on 0181 343 4567 or, alternatively, by writing to the company at: Gadd House, Arcadia Avenue, London N3 2JU.

A new framework contract has been produced for use between residents of care homes and care providers. The Continuing Care Conference (CCC) is seeking to raise national standards throughout the care industry and hopes that the written contract will make it easier to assess a home's suitability. For a free copy of the contract, write to CCC, 12 Little College Street, London, SW1P 2SH.

Leek United Building Society has published an easy-to-read guide through the mortgage maze. *The Homebuyer's Directory* sets out the types of mortgages available, the procedures involved in buying a home and the additional costs to be considered. It is available from branches of Leek United or by calling 0800 136604.

Columbus Travel Insurance has announced premium reductions of up to 29 per cent on more than 30 policies. The reductions, aimed primarily at the fast-expanding long-haul end of the market, are particularly relevant for those planning long visits. Call Columbus Travel Insurance on 0171 375 0011.

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SAVERS' BEST BUYS

INSTANT ACCESS ACCOUNTS	Account	Notice of term	Deposit	Rate	Interest paid
Scottish Widows Bank 0345 829829	Instant Acc	Postal	£250	5.60	Yly
Co-operative Bank 0345 252000	Pathfinder	Instant	£5,000	6.00	Mly
Northern Rock BS 0500505000	Go Direct	Instant	£20,000	6.10	Yly
Brmnghm Midshires BS 0645 720721	First Class	Postal	£25,000	6.20	Yly

FIXED RATES	Account	Notice of term	Deposit	Rate	Interest paid
Sun Banking Corp 01438 744505	Investment Cert	1yr bond	£1,000	6.60	F/Yly
Leeds & Holbeck BS 0113 244 0357	Investment Bond	2yr bond	£5,000	7.05	F/Yly
Leeds & Holbeck BS 0113 244 0357	Investment Bond	3yr bond	£5,000	7.55	F/Yly
Nrwch & Ptrbrgh BS 01733 391497	Fxd Intrst Bond	5yr bond	£10,000	7.75	F/Yly

NOTICE ACCOUNTS AND BONDS	Account	Notice of term	Deposit	Rate	Interest paid
Scarborough BS 0800 590578	Scarborough 50	50 day	£1,000	6.60	Yly
Bradford & Bingley BS 0345 248248	Direct 60	60 day p	£15,000	6.75	Yly
Bradford & Bingley BS 0345 248248	Direct 60	60 day p	£50,000	7.00	Yly
Allied Trust Bank 0171 626 0879	6 Month Notice	6 month	£10,000	7.50	B/Yly

CREDIT CARDS

CREDIT CARDS	Card type	Interest per month	APR%	Fee per annum
Robert Fleming/S&P 0800 829024	MasterCard/Visa	0.98%G	12.40%	Nil C
Robert Fleming/S&P 0800 282101	MasterCard/Visa	1.00%	14.60%	£12
Royal Bank of Scotland 0800 161616	Mastercard	1.14%	14.50%	Nil C

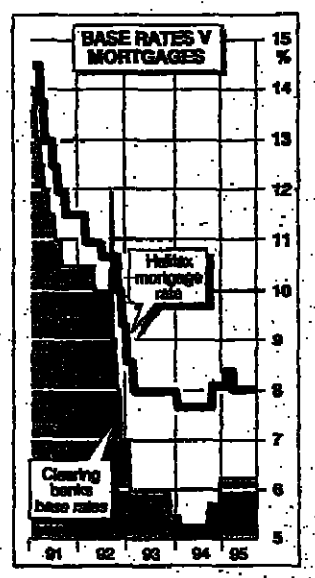
PERSONAL LOANS

PERSONAL LOANS	APR	Monthly payment on £3,000 for 3yrs with insurance	no insurance
Clydesdale Bank 0800 240024	16.20%	£113.94	£103.33
Midland 0800 180180	15.40%	£116.54	£103.14
N&P BS 0800 808080	15.50%	£118.22	£103.29

Nb. A - Feeder account required. In the interest paid columns, C = no interest free period D = annual fee rebated £1.5K+ charged per annum E = Annual fee waived for 1st year for new accounts F = fixed rate (all other rates are variable); OM denotes interest paid on maturity

* RATES SHOWN ARE GROSS AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE PLEASE CHECK RATES BEFORE INVESTING

Source: MoneyFacts, the Monthly Guide to Investment & Mortgage Rates (01692 500 677)





	Gross rate	At tax rates 25%	40%	Min/maximum investment £	Notice	Contact
Ordinary A/c¹	2.00	1.50	1.20	10-10,000		01416494555
Investment A/c* s	5.25	3.94	3.15	20-499	1mth	01416494555
Income Bond* s	6.50	4.88	3.90	2,000-24,999	3mth	01253766151
First Opt Bond•	6.40	4.80	3.84	1,000-250,000		01416362558
42nd Issue Certt‡s	5.85			100-10,000	8day	01913864900
Children's Bond†	7.85			25-1,000	1mth	01416362636
Gen Ext Rate	3.51					
Capital Bond‡ •	7.75	5.81	4.65	100-250,000	8day	01416362603
8th Index Linked†‡	3.00			100-10,000	8day	01913864900
Pensnrs Bond S2 •	7.50	5.63	4.50	500-20,000s	60day	01253766151

*¹first £70 (£140 jt) of int tax free, inst accs for up to £100 ² Additional hldgs up to £20,000 for reinvested proceeds †Tax free *Rates gross and vble ‡Guaranteed when held for 5 years •0.3% net bonus for £20,000+ *£40,000 jt in addition to £1 holdings ¤Taxable but paid in full*

All figures are the gross annual annuity (£100,000 purchase), guaranteed 5 years, paid monthly in advance

SINGLE LIFE (level ann) Male:		Age 60	Age 65	Age 70
Prudential	Level	£10,377	£11,391	£12,758
Equitble Life	Level	£10,277	£11,187	£12,381
Royal Life	Level	£10,280	£11,361	£12,894
Canada Life	Level	£10,058	£11,227	£12,810
Stndrd Life	Level	£10,136	£11,204	£12,584

SINGLE LIFE Female:		Age 60	Age 65	Age 70
Generali	Level	£9,246	£10,091	£11,263
Royal Life	Level	£9,500	£10,330	£11,555
Canada Life	Level	£9,230	£10,069	£11,300
Equitble Life	Level	£9,350	£10,027	£10,975
Prudential	Level	£9,625	£10,355	£11,428

JOINT LIFE, 2/3 WIDOWS (level annuity)	Male: / Female:	Age 60 / Age 55	Age 65 / Age 60	Age 70 / Age 65
Prudential	Level	£9,237	£9,803	£10,599
Royal Life	Level	£9,046	£9,682	£10,593
Equitble Life	Level	£9,046	£9,563	£10,276
Canada Life	Level	£8,815	£9,474	£10,408
Generali	Level	£9,119	£9,732	£10,581

Source: Annuity Direct (0171 588 9393)

Compiled by: Lizanne Rose

GUARANTEED INCOME BONDS

ANNUAL INCOME
Rates as at October 11, 1995

	Investment (£)	Company	Standard Rate (%)
1 Year			
	5,000	AIG Life	5.00
	10,000	AIG Life	5.15
	20,000	AIG Life	5.25
	50,000	AIG Life	5.30
2 Years			
	1,000	Premium Life	5.50
	20,000	AIG Life	5.60
	50,000	AIG Life	5.65
3 Years			
	1,000	Premium Life	5.75
	50,000	AIG Life	5.80
4 Years			
	1,000	Premium Life	6.00
	50,000	AIG Life	6.10
5 Years			
	1,000	Premium Life	6.25
	3,000	Pinnacle Ins	6.80

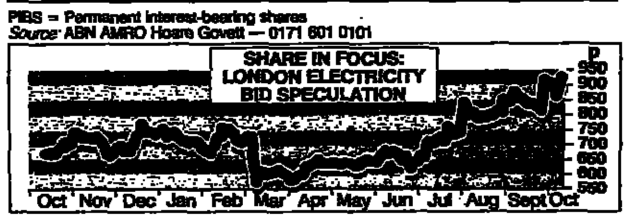
Source: Chamberlain de Broë 0171-434 4222. Net rates. Income and capital guaranteed. Early surrender. Terms vary. Monthly income may be available.

PIBS

FIXED RATE	Gross coupon	Buying price	% Gross yield	Issue price	Minimum purchase amount
Birmingham Midshires	9.375%	93.73	9.996	100.17	1,000
Bradford & Bingley	11.625%	115.28	10.070	100.13	10,000
Bradford & Bingley	13.000%	128.65	10.092	100.20	10,000
Bristol & West	13.375%	131.28	10.179	100.34	1,000
Britannia	13.000%	127.09	10.211	100.42	1,000
Coventry	12.125%	118.75	10.193	100.75	1,000
First National	11.750%	109.05	10.765	100.25	10,000
Halifax	8.750%	89.18	9.811	100.62	50,000
Halifax	12.000%	120.49	9.812	100.28	50,000
Halifax (was Lds Perm)	13.625%	137.06	9.922	100.00	50,000
Leeds & Holbeck	13.375%	130.87	10.201	100.23	1,000
Newcastle	10.750%	107.51	9.991	100.32	1,000
Newcastle	12.625%	126.19	9.994	100.45	1,000
Northern Rock	12.625%	128.07	9.839	100.14	1,000
Skipton	12.875%	126.74	10.140	100.48	1,000

FLOATING RATE	Gross coupon	Buying price	Issue price	Minimum purchase
First National	9.35469%	100.75	100.00	1,000
Cheshire (28/03-28/09)	9.50156%	102.625	100.00	1,000

PIBS = Permanent interest-bearing shares
Source: ABN AMRO Hoare Govett — 0171 601 0101



Lender	Interest rate %	Loan size	Max %	Notes
Building Societies				
Yorkshire 0800 378836	1.99	neg	95	6% disc 1 year, 2% disc 18 mths
Bristol & West 0800 100117	1.00	£15k+	90	Fxd to 31.8.96
Northern Rock 0800 591 500	1.94	to £150k	90	6.05% discount to 1.1.97
Banks				
Abbey National Local branch	2.64	to £125k	75	5.35% discount to 30.9.96
Midland 0800 494999	2.79	£100k+	80	4.86% discount for 1 year

Lender	Interest rate %	Loan size	Max %	Notes
Building Societies				
Chorley & District 01257 279373	1.50	£60-120k	80	6% disc for 6 months
Hinckley & Rugby 0800 774499	0.75	to £150k	70	Fixed to 1.9.96
Bristol & West 0800 100117	1.00	£15k+	90	Fixd to 31.8.96
Banks				
Bank of Ireland 01734 510100	0.99	£20-145k	95	7.51%dsc-6 mns 3% dsc-6 mns
Bank of Scotland 0131 243 5735	1.50	to £200k	95	6.49% discount for 6 months

Lender	Interest rate %	Loan size	Max %	Notes
Building Societies				
Lambeth 0800 225 221	4.74	£15-150k	95	3.25% discount for 12 months
Brad & BingLey 0800 252 993	1.89	no min/max	95	fixed to 1.10.96
Skipton 0800 446 776	1.84	£25-150k	95	6% disc 5 mnths 1.75% disc 1 year
Banks				
Midland Bank 0800 494 999	3.29	£30k+	95	4.36% discount for 1 year
Abbey National Local branch	3.64	£125k+	95	4.35% to 30.9.96

Larger lenders, larger loans and first-time buyers tables supplied by Bay's Guides Ltd. Further information: Bay's Guides, 01753 880482.

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	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
AEGON LIFE ASSURANCE Aegon House, Lanark Square, London E14 9XS 0171 538 8800				
Balanced	506.40	536.80	+8.00	...
UK Equity	646.00	683.70	+14.80	...
Property	504.40	533.80	+0.60	...
Fixed Interest	336.20	355.80	+0.30	...
Money	258.60	273.70	+0.20	...
International	427.30	452.20	+3.90	...
ABBEY LIFE Holdenhurst Road, Bournemouth BH8 8AL 01202 292373				
Property Fd Inc	260.80	274.60	...	...
-do- Acc	492.10	518.10	-0.10	...
Equity Fd Inc	187.90	197.80	-1.40	...
-do- Acc	257.90	271.50	-1.80	...
Selective Fd	513.50	540.60	-2.10	...
Money Fd	391.40	412.00	-0.40	...
Prop Fd Ser 4	378.20	398.20	-0.10	...
Equity Ser 4	240.90	253.60	-1.10	...
Man Ser 4	703.40	740.50	-2.30	...
Conv Ser 4	339.10	357.00	+0.20	...
Money Ser 4	338.80	356.70	+0.30	...
Fixed Int Ser 4	359.10	378	-0.20	...
American Ser 4	552.30	581.40	+4.10	...
High Inc Ser 4	747.40	786.80	-1.80	...
Indexed Inv Ser 4	218.80	230.40	-1.00	...
Japan Ser 4	337.40	355.20	-5.90	...
ALBANY LIFE 3 Darkes Lane, Potters Bar EN6 1AJ 01707 42311				
Equity Fd Acc	1674.70	1762.80	-27.80	...
European Fd Acc	395.10	415.90	-0.30	...
Fixed Int Acc	526.80	554.50	-3.30	...
Gtd Money Acc	344.50	362.60	+0.30	...
Intl Managed Acc	636.00	669.40	-1.30	...
Int Fxd Int Acc	346.90	365.10	+2.50	...
Japan Fund	251.10	264.30	-5.50	...
N American Acc	359.40	378.30	+1.80	...
Prop Fd Acc	452.00	475.70	+0.30	...
Multiple Inv Acc	1092.90	1150.40	-9.90	...
ALLIED DUNBAR ASSURANCE Swindon SN1 1EL 01793 514514				
Fxd Int Dep Acc	385.70	406.00	+0.30	...
Equity Acc	1538.60	1619.60	+5.70	...
Property Acc	600.20	631.80	+4.50	...
Far East Acc	315.40	332.00	-1.70	...
Managed Capital	568.30	598.30	+2.00	...
-do- Acc	1179.00	1241.10	+4.40	...
Overseas Acc	1041.50	1096.40	+0.10	...
Gilt Edged Acc	507.80	534.60	...	...
Amer Equity Acc	904.40	952.00	+8.80	...
Amer Man Acc	380.60	400.70	+3.90	...
Amer Prop Acc	119.50	125.80	+0.70	...
Distribution Bonds	24.40	25.70	+0.10	...
AXA EQUITY & LAW LIFE ASSURANCE Amersham Road, High Wycombe, Bucks 01494 463463				
Reserve Ser 6	166.00	174.70	+0.40	...
Balced Ser 6	773.80	814.50	+3.60	...
Opportunity Ser 6	177.50	186.80	-0.40	...
Distribution Ser 6	101.70	106.40	...	7.02
UK Equities Ser 6	1089.70	1147.00	+5.00	...
Higher Inc Ser 6	1153.70	1214.40	+6.30	...
North Amer Ser 6	535.20	563.30	+11.20	...
Far East Ser 6	568.80	598.70	-5.30	...
Europe Ser 6	414.20	436.00	+3.50	...
Intnl Ser 6	613.00	645.20	+2.60	...
Property Ser 6	561.90	591.40	...	...
Fixed Int Ser 6	459.50	483.60	+1.40	...
Ind-Lnkd Sec S6	187.70	197.50	-0.20	...
Gteed Dep Ser 6	307.60	323.70	+0.30	...
BARCLAYS LIFE 252 Romford Road, London E7 9JB 0181 534 5544				
Equity Acc	928.40	977.30	-1.30	...
-do- Initial	595.60	627.00	-0.90	...
Gilt Edged Acc	399.60	420.70	-2.10	...
-do- Initial	258.80	272.30	-1.40	...
International Acc	422.00	444.30	-0.40	...
-do- Initial	271.40	285.70	-0.30	...
Managed Acc	563.50	593.20	-0.90	...
-do- Initial	363.60	382.80	-0.60	...
Money Acc	300.50	316.40	+0.20	...
Property Acc	306.30	322.50	+0.30	...
-do- Initial	196.60	207.00	+0.10	...
America Acc	319.70	336.60	+2.90	...
Australia Acc	224.10	235.90	-0.60	...
Financial Acc	393.90	414.70	-13.30	...
500 Accum	477.70	502.90	-2.40	...
Japan Genl Acc	304.60	320.70	-6.00	...
Income Acc	565.20	595.00	-1.20	...
Leisure Acc	274.70	289.20	...	...
Special Sits Acc	268.10	282.30	-0.30	...
Univ Tech Acc	174.70	183.90	+0.10	...
BLACK HORSE LIFE Mountbatten House, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF 01634 834000				
The Managed Fd	861.18	861.18	-4.26	...
Income Fund	825.34	868.77	-3.20	...
Extra Income	750.51	790.02	-3.16	...
Worldwide Gth	511.72	538.66	-1.70	...
Balanced Fund	719.47	757.34	-6.64	...
Smllr Cos Recov	843.41	887.80	-5.44	...
N Amer & Genl	397.21	418.12	+2.48	...
Pacific Basin	431.64	454.36	+2.03	...
German Growth	246.62	259.60	-1.15	...
Japan Growth	185.62	195.39	-1.77	...
The UK Gth Fd	229.87	241.97	-1.89	...
Contl Euro Gth	142.67	150.18	...	...
Property Fund	414.57	436.38	-0.08	...
Fixed Interest	324.05	341.11	-3.00	...
Cash Fund	292.59	307.99	+0.25	...
Managed Inv	519.18	546.50	-8.45	...
Nth Amer Recov	268.20	282.32	+1.74	...
Abtrust Fund				
Managed Gth	317.72	344.97	-0.29	...
BRITANNIA LIFE ASSURANCE PO Box 31, Greenock, Renfrewshire 01475 568080				
Measured Perf	170.80	180.70	-0.40	...
Performance Plus	177.00	187.30	-0.80	...
With Profit Perf	177.60	187.90	-0.20	...
UK Opportunity	199.70	211.30	+0.70	...
Euro Opportunity	239.80	253.70	-3.60	...
North Amer Opp	180.50	190.90	-3.80	...
Far East Opp	197.00	208.40	-0.40	...
Gwth Prop Ser 1	130.00	136.90	...	...
Gth Prop Ser 2	176.90	187.10	+0.20	...
Fixed Int	203.10	214.90	-1.60	...
Cash	162.20	171.60	+0.20	6.74
Overseas	203.90	215.70	-0.90	...
Formerly LAS				
Managed Fund	363.40	382.60	+0.10	...
UK Equity	633.20	666.60	-0.70	...
Property	257.60	271.20	+0.30	...
Money Market	260.00	273.70	+0.20	...
Fixed Interest	302.90	318.90	-1.90	...
Japan	349.20	367.60	-4.20	...
North America	168.50	177.40	+3.70	...
International	330.40	347.80	+2.80	...
European	314.20	330.80	-2.50	...
Far East	140.30	147.70	-0.70	...
CANADA LIFE 24 High Street, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 5BA 01707 51122				
Equity Growth‡	277.80	...	...	...
Managed	352.40	371.00	-0.90	...
Property	239.60	252.20	-1.20	...
Gilt & Fxd Int	249.50	262.70	-1.90	...
Equity	402.50	423.70	-1.10	...
Cash	222.60	234.40	+0.30	...
CLife Euro Mgd	408.90	430.50	+0.80	...
CLife Intl Fd	370.00	389.50	+0.40	...
Managed Fund	765.20	805.50	+0.80	...
Property Fund	552.80	581.90	+0.60	...
Equity Fund	1001.40	1054.10	+3.60	...
Gilt Edged Fd	637.90	671.50	-1.50	...
Deposit Fund	341.30	359.30	+0.20	...
Investment Fd	430.10	451.60	+1.70	...
International	576.70	607.00	+1.70	...
CITY OF WESTMINSTER ASSURANCE Scaby House, 500 Avebury Blvd, Milton Keynes MK9 2NU, 01908 606681				
Property Fund	162.10	170.70	...	...
Managed Fund	666.50	701.60	-4.10	...
Equity Fund	388.70	409.30	-3.80	...
CLERICAL MEDICAL/FIDELITY INVESTMENTS Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH. 0117 9290566				
Assurance Funds				
Sapphire Mixed	308.40	324.70	+0.20	...
Ruby	186.00	195.80	+0.70	...
Emerald	150.20	158.20	-0.20	...
Equity	355.00	373.70	-0.50	...
Property	234.00	246.40	-0.10	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	211.80	223.00	...	...
Indexed Secs	174.60	183.80	-0.80	...
Cash	193.80	204.00	+0.10	...
Nth American	256.40	269.90	+2.10	...
Far East	331.30	348.80	-0.80	...
International	251.30	264.60	+0.60	...
Special Sits	380.20	400.30	+2.00	...
Intl Income	315.00	331.60	+0.80	...
American Inc	215.10	226.50	+2.50	...
European	351.20	369.70	+4.30	...
Japanese	131.40	138.40	-2.80	...
SE Asia	380.60	400.70	+5.70	...
With Profits Reg	173.80	183.00	+0.20	...
-do- Spec	173.80	183.00	+0.20	...
Flexible Retirement Plans Funds				
Mixed	353.00	371.60	+0.30	...
Equity	427.50	450.10	+0.40	...
Property	212.20	223.40	-0.10	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	267.80	281.90	-0.40	...
Index Linked	184.40	194.20	-0.90	...
Cash	262.00	275.80	+0.30	...
Nth American	320.40	337.30	+3.90	...
Far East Acc	310.50	326.90	-3.00	...
International Acc	321.20	338.20	-0.20	...
Special Sits	559.60	589.10	-0.40	...
European Flex	499.10	525.40	+4.80	...
COLONIAL MUTUAL GROUP Colonial Mutual House, Chatham Maritime, Kent ME4 4YY. 01634 890 000				
(Unitsc Key)‡	225.69	...	-2.80	...
-do- Pacemaker‡	329.13	...	-4.14	...
-do- Cash	209.55	220.58	+0.15	...
-do- Equity	583.40	614.11	-0.06	...
-do- Fxd Int	370.72	390.23	+0.49	...
-do- Managed	416.38	438.29	+0.13	...
-do- Property	291.84	307.20	-3.42	...
(Pensn Cash Cap	210.99	222.10	+0.09	...
-do- Cash Inv	318.27	335.03	+0.37	...
-do- Equity Cap	£15.25	£16.05	+0.14	...
-do- Equity Inv	£23.00	£24.21	+10.88	...
-do- Fixed Cap	402.50	423.38	-0.05	...
-do- Fixed Inv	606.70	638.64	+0.34	...
-do- Index Cap	203.80	214.54	-1.23	...
-do- Index Inv	307.43	323.62	-1.64	...
-do- Mngd Cap	608.03	640.04	+0.31	...
-do- Mngd Inv	917.19	965.47	+1.11	...
COMMERCIAL UNION St Helen's, 1 Undershaft, EC3 0171 283 7500				
Var Ann Acc (5)	780.26	...	...	...
Var Ann (5)‡	97.98	...	...	...
Prime: Managed	435.10	458.10	+1.90	...
Prime: UK Equity	540.50	569.00	+3.80	...
Prime: Int Equity	314.60	331.20	+0.10	...
Prime: Property	251.30	264.60	+0.10	...
Prime: Fxd Int	241.60	254.40	+0.50	...
Prime Index-Lnk	175.60	185.10	-0.80	...
Prime: Cash	213.70	225.00	+0.10	...
CONFEDERATION LIFE Lytton Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 2NN 01438 744840				
Managed Fund	1194.10	1256.90	-0.70	...
Equity Fund	1748.30	1840.30	+3.60	...
CROWN FINANCIAL Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW 01483 715033				
Life Mangd Acc	637.40	670.70	-0.20	...
Life Fxd Int Acc	385.50	405.70	-2.20	...
Life Equity Acc	909.50	956.90	+0.40	...
Life Money Acc	309.90	326.20	+0.30	...
Life Inv Tst Acc	841.10	885.30	-5.50	...
Life Intl Acc	519.30	546.40	...	...
Life High Inc Acc	859.20	904.00	-9.80	...
Life Property Acc	248.40	261.40	+0.30	...
Crown Brit Inv A	1416.60	...	...	...
Brewin Equity	778.70	819.60	-8.00	...
EAGLE STAR LIFE ASSURANCE Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ. 01242 221311				
Secure Fund	181.50	191.10	+0.20	...
Managed Fund	257.70	271.30	+1.30	...
-do- Series 2	170.50	179.50	+0.90	...
Adventurous Fd	214.70	226.00	-0.40	...
-do- Series 2	165.90	174.70	-0.30	...
Equity Mngd Fd	256.40	269.90	+0.50	...
-do- Series 2	171.50	180.60	+0.40	...
UK Pref Fxd Int	149.00	156.90	+0.20	...
UK Equity Fund	181.20	190.80	+1.30	...
Property Fund	120.50	126.90	+1.80	...
Envrnmntl Opps	180.10	189.60	-0.30	...
Euro Fund	203.10	213.80	+1.30	...
North Amer Fd	217.30	228.80	+0.40	...
Oriental Ops	234.80	247.20	-1.10	...
Japanese Fund	116.10	122.30	-2.40	...
Bd & West Life	129.10	135.90	-0.10	...
Bd & West Pen	148.20	156.00	+0.20	...
EAGLE STAR/MIDLAND 60 St Mary Axe, London EC3. 0171 929 1111				
Eagle/Mid Uts	294.90	305.50	-0.70	...
FRIENDS' PROVIDENT Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH 01722 413366				
Managed	326.80	344.10	-0.60	...
UK Equity	439.80	463.00	-1.10	...
Stewardship	382.20	402.40	-1.90	...
Overseas Equity	301.40	317.30	-0.10	...
North American	163.40	172.00	+1.60	...
Pacific Basin	169.60	178.60	-0.80	...
European	244.80	257.70	+1.50	...
Property	192.20	202.40	+0.10	...
Fixed Interest	245.50	258.50	-2.00	...
Index Linked	173.60	182.80	-1.10	...
Cash	207.20	218.20	+0.20	...
FP Life Assurance ex NM				
Fixed Interest	557.60	586.90	-2.20	...
Managed	736.30	775.00	+0.90	...
Deposit	352.20	370.70	+0.10	...
Property	486.70	512.30	+0.70	...
American	464.20	488.60	+4.10	...
Australian	540.90	569.30	+2.80	...
European	591.60	622.70	+4.10	...
Income Acc	809.80	852.40	+3.10	...
-do- Dist	473.70	498.60	+2.20	4.60
International	332.10	349.50	-0.10	...
Japan Smaller	455.40	479.30	-4.40	...
Singapore & Mal	392.40	413.00	-0.30	...
Smaller Cos	427.20	449.60	+1.80	...
Tokyo Fund	630.90	664.10	-14.60	...
UK Equity	625.10	658.00	-9.70	...
CCM Vangd Mg	805.80	848.20	-2.70	...
GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD Alban Gate, 14th Flr, 125 London Wall, Lond EC2Y 5AS. 0171 710 4567				
GT Plan Far East	321.50	338.50	-2.10	...
GT Plan Wwide	502.70	529.20	-0.30	...
GAN LIFE & PENSIONS Gan House, Harlow, Essex CM20 2EW. 01279 626262				
Portfolio Acc	730.10	730.10	-1.80	...
-do- Inv A	730.00	768.50	-1.90	...
UK Equity	444.60	468.10	-1.40	...
Gilt Plus	208.70	219.80	-0.80	...
Managed	326.20	343.50	-0.80	...
GENERAL ACCIDENT 2 Rougier St, York YO1 1HR. 01904 628982				
Managed	224.70	236.40	-0.60	...
Unitised Profit	145.00	152.70	+0.20	...
UK Equity	313.60	330.00	-0.10	...
Fixed Int	200.30	210.80	+1.30	...
Index-Linked	170.30	179.10	-1.00	...
Cash Deposit	179.60	188.90	+0.10	...
Property	171.70	180.70	-14.60	...
International	180.50	189.90	-1.40	...
American	182.30	191.80	+0.40	...
Japan	238.30	247.40	-4.30	...
Japan Smllr Cos	240.80	253.40	-4.30	...
European	195.50	205.70	+2.10	...
Pacific Fund	290.90	306.10	+0.60	...
Conv Life	135.30	142.30	-0.50	...
GUARDIAN ROYAL EXCHANGE Royal Exchange, London EC3. 0171 283 7101				
Ass Prop Bds	830.00	873.90	...	...
Managed Initial	494.90	521.00	+3.70	...
-do- Acc	719.50	757.40	+5.10	...
Equity Initial	758.30	798.20	+5.30	...
-do- Acc	1102.30	1160.30	+8.10	...
Fixed Int Initial	449.00	472.70	+1.60	...
-do- Acc	652.70	687.10	+2.60	...
Intl Initial	479.00	504.20	+3.30	...
-do- Acc	696.30	733.00	+4.80	...
Nth Amer Initial	212.00	223.20	+4.40	...
-do- Acc	280.50	295.30	+5.90	...
Pacific Initial	236.80	249.20	-0.80	...
-do- Acc	310.30	326.60	-0.90	...
Property Initial	181.50	191.10	...	...
-do- Acc	263.60	277.50	...	...
Index-Lnkd Initl	162.90	171.40	-0.30	...
-do- Acc	215.30	226.60	-0.20	...
Deposit Initial	200.60	211.10	...	...
-do- Acc	291.60	306.90	+0.20	...
Euro Initial	113.40	119.40	+2.70	...
-do- Acc	138.70	146.00	+3.40	...
HALIFAX LIFE LTD PO Box 286, York YO1 1YB 01904 611130				
Life Funds				
Foundation	26.97	28.39	+0.07	...
Balanced	27.36	28.80	-0.06	...
Opportunity	27.69	29.15	+0.06	...
Deposit	24.37	25.65	+0.02	...
Pension Funds				
Foundation	27.47	28.92	+0.07	...
Balanced	27.63	29.09	+0.05	...
Opportunity	28.12	29.60	+0.04	...
Deposit	24.62	25.92	+0.02	...
HAMBRO ASSURED Harbour House, Portway, Preston, Lancs PR2 2PR. 01772 840000				
Managed	178.70	188.10	-0.90	...
-do- Pens	222.30	233.90	-1.50	...
UK Equity	189.00	197.80	-0.30	...
-do- Pens	218.70	230.20	-0.50	...
International	154.70	162.80	-1.60	...
-do- Pens	169.00	177.80	-1.80	...
Deposit	143.60	151.10	-0.10	...
-do- Pens	171.80	180.80	+0.20	...
HENDERSON ADMINISTRATION 3 Finsbury Avenue, London EC2M 2PA 0171 638 5757				
UK Equity Fd	383.80	408.30	-3.50	...
North America	395.30	420.60	+3.20	...
Far East Fund	593.30	631.20	-2.90	...
Global Managed	494.00	525.60	-2.60	...
Deposit Fund	236.40	248.90	+0.20	...
Prime Residential	139.80	147.20	...	...
European Fund	284.80	303.00	+1.50	...
Fixed Interest	64.30	68.40	+0.30	...
HILL SAMUEL LIFE NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon 0181 686 4355				
Security Fund	578.40	612.10	-2.80	...
British Fund	585.40	619.50	+0.30	...
International	586.60	620.80	-1.00	...
Dollar Fund	455.60	482.20	+3.20	...
Capital Fund	526.70	557.40	+0.40	...
Income Fund	756.80	800.90	-1.30	...
Property Series A	461.40	488.30	...	4.50
Property Units	762.80	801.00	...	...
Financial Fund	655.30	693.50	+12.70	...
Managed Ser A	585.10	619.20	+0.70	...
Managed Units	1050.50	1108.80	+1.30	...
High Yield Fund	690.80	731.10	-0.50	...
Money Series A	298.40	315.80	+0.20	...
Money Units	396.70	417.60	+0.30	...
Equity Fund	671.30	710.40	+0.60	...
Fixed Interest	379.90	402.10	+1.80	...
Indexed Secs	192.10	203.30	-0.70	...
European Fund	792.10	838.30	+11.80	...
Natural Res	307.40	325.30	-1.10	...
Far East Fund	659.20	697.60	-10.60	...
Smaller Cos	544.40	576.10	-1.10	...
Special Sits	515.60	545.70	-2.20	...
Man Currency	274.80	290.80	+1.30	...
Japanese Tech	308.90	326.90	-7.30	...
US Smaller Cos	330.40	339.10	+0.50	...
Formerly Target Life Assurance Co Ltd				
Deposit	256.90	270.50	+0.20	...
Financial Ser 1	53.80	57.60	+1.30	...
Fixed Interest	339.70	357.70	+0.50	...
Gold	83.00	87.40	-0.70	...
Managed	651.50	685.90	-0.10	...
Mngd Growth	206.70	217.70	-1.20	...
Mngd Opp	218.40	230.00	-1.50	...
Property	330.00	347.30	...	...
Residential Prop	103.20	108.80	+0.40	...
TSB American	233.50	245.90	+2.20	...
TSB Brit Gwth	953.30	1003.60	+3.30	...
TSB European	284.70	299.80	+5.80	...
TSB Income	417.40	439.40	-0.10	...
TSB Intl	448.10	471.80	+0.60	...
TSB Intl Inc	306.80	323.00	-1.40	...
TSB Pacific	411.20	433.00	-4.10	...
TSB Prem Inc	263.30	275.10	-1.50	...
IRISH LIFE ASSURANCE Irish Life Centre, Victoria Street, St Albans, Herts AL1 3TF. 01727 [illegible]				
Global Managed	612.20	644.40	-3.10	...
Global Property	308.30	324.50	...	...
Global Fixed Int	527.80	555.60	-4.50	...
Global Equity	663.60	698.50	-3.60	...
Global Cash	220.00	222.50	+0.10	...
LAURENTIAN LIFE Barnwood, Gloucester GL4 7RZ 01452 371371				
Property	498.70	524.90	-0.50	...
Managed	445.50	468.90	-0.20	...
American	466.90	491.40	-2.40	...
UK Equity Fd	489.60	515.30	+0.30	...
Japan	206.70	215.40	-1.90	...
Index-Lkd	190.90	200.90	-0.90	...
High Yield	925.90	974.60	-1.70	...
Money	416.60	438.50	+0.40	...
International	416.10	437.90	-0.60	...
Henderson Active	218.50	230.00	-0.30	...
Perpetual Active	348.70	367.00	-0.20	...
Growth Acc	697.30	734.00	-0.60	...
Gilt Edged	446.00	469.40	-1.40	...
European	166.20	174.90	+1.60	...
Far East	212.90	224.10	-2.70	...
LEGAL & GENERAL UNIT ASSURANCE 2 Montefiore Road, Hove, Sussex BN3 1SE 01273 324000				
B Soc Lnkd Ink	134.80	141.90	...	...
-do- Acc	191.50	201.60	+0.10	...
Brit Opps Int	155.70	163.90	-0.10	...
-do- Acc	198.20	208.70	-0.70	...
Cash Initial	168.70	177.60	-0.20	...
-do- Acc	297.80	313.50	+0.30	...
Equity Initial	709.00	746.40	+1.40	...
-do- Acc	1251.40	1317.30	-16.10	...
Fixed Initial	350.30	368.80	...	...
-do- Acc	618.40	651.00	-9.00	...
Index-Lnkd Gilt	134.80	141.90	-0.90	...
-do- Acc	203.10	213.80	-4.10	...
Intl Initial	329.60	347.00	-1.40	...
-do- Acc	572.70	602.90	-10.90	...
Managed Initial	498.60	524.90	+0.20	...
-do- Acc	880.00	926.40	-12.80	...
Property Initial	218.80	230.20	+0.30	...
-do- Acc	385.90	406.30	-5.10	...
LINCOLN NATIONAL 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0ND 0181 902 8876				
Equity Units‡	#138.41	...	-0.32	...
Property Units‡	#27.17	...	-0.18	...
Bal Bd Exec Unit	70.25	73.94	-0.02	...
2nd Equity Acc	679.80	715.60	+0.90	...
2nd High Inc Ac	645.70	679.60	+3.50	...
2nd Property Acc	248.70	261.80	-1.50	...
2nd Mngd 2 Acc	186.90	196.80	-0.20	...
2nd Mngd 3 Acc	491.50	517.40	-0.10	...
2nd Mngd 4 Acc	243.50	256.40	-0.20	...
2nd Deposit Acc	293.60	309.00	+0.10	...
2nd Gilt Acc	313.70	330.20	-2.10	...
2nd Amer Acc	822.00	865.30	+28.40	...
2nd Intl Mny Acc	273.40	287.70	+2.80	...
2nd Index Acc	213.30	224.50	-2.20	...
2nd Far East Acc	443.20	466.50	-4.70	...
2nd Global Acc	186.60	196.50	+0.40	...
2nd Euro Acc	172.30	181.40	+0.50	...
2nd Japan Acc	186.00	195.60	-3.80	...
2nd Int Cr Bd Acc	170.60	179.60	+0.70	...
2nd Cap Gth Acc	136.80	144.00	-0.40	...
LONDON LIFE 100 Temple Street, Bristol, BS1 6EA 0117 9279179				
Equity‡	965.30	...	+6.40	...
Fixed Interest‡	442.30	...	-0.90	...
Property‡	427.00	...	+0.80	...
Deposit‡	303.10	...	+0.20	...
Mixed‡	694.70	...	+2.80	...
Indexed Stock‡	221.00	...	-0.20	...
International‡	307.40	...	+0.70	...
Equity A‡	223.80	...	+1.50	...
Fixed Int A‡	196.10	...	-0.50	...
Property A‡	187.50	...	+0.30	...
Deposit A‡	178.00	...	-0.10	...
Mixed A‡	208.40	...	+0.90	...
Index Stock A‡	172.90	...	-0.20	...
International A‡	191.90	...	+0.40	...
Equity P‡	802.70	...	+4.60	...
Fixed Int P‡	587.30	...	+0.70	...
Property P‡	331.20	...	+0.60	...
Deposit P‡	360.00	...	+0.50	...
Mixed P‡	585.20	...	+2.10	...
Index Stock P‡	253.20	...	-0.20	...
International P‡	360.70	...	+0.30	...
LONDON & MANCHESTER ASSURANCE Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS. 01392 282456				
Inv Trust Cap‡	593.80	...	-4.70	...
-do- Acc‡	1032.70	...	-7.30	...
Property Cap‡	145.60	...	...	...
-do- Acc‡	243.00	...	+0.20	...
Fxd Interest Cap‡	193.70	...	-1.60	...
-do- Acc‡	325.30	...	-2.40	...
Equity Cap‡	335.70	...	-2.80	...
-do- Acc‡	571.90	...	-4.20	...
Internatl Cap‡	235.40	...	-0.30	...
-do- Acc‡	397.00	...	-0.20	...
Gtd Deposit Cap‡	163.50	...	-0.10	...
-do- Acc‡	271.70	...	+0.20	7.20
Flexible Cap‡	354.00	...	-2.20	...
-do- Acc‡	601.40	...	-3.10	...
Moneymaker Fd‡	464.80	...	-2.60	...
Capital Growth‡	1860.40	...	-11.40	...
M & G Victoria Road, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 1FB 01245 266266				
Amer Bond Acc	466.80	490.30	+1.30	...
Amer Rec Bond	531.60	558.30	-1.20	...
Am Smlr Cos Bd	251.80	264.50	+0.40	...
Australasia Bd	231.20	243.50	-6.90	...
Commodity Bond	331.40	348.00	-2.90	...
Deposit Bond Acc	371.10	391.90	+0.30	...
Equity Bond Acc	1646.00	1728.40	-10.70	...
European Bd Acc	412.90	433.60	-0.60	...
Extra Yld Bd Acc	804.60	844.90	-3.40	...
Far East Bd Acc	312.40	328.20	-2.30	...
Gilt Bond Acc	450.90	473.60	-2.90	...
Gold Bond Acc	163.10	171.30	-0.70	...
High Yield Bond	354.70	372.50	-0.80	...
Index-Lnk Gt Bd	215.10	225.90	+2.00	...
International Bd	795.60	835.50	-3.40	...
Japan Bond Acc	239.90	252.00	-5.30	...
Japan Sm Cos Ac	234.00	245.80	-3.10	...
Managed Bonds	940.60	987.80	-4.90	...
Prop Bond Acc	350.40	368.00	-5.80	...
Rec Bond Acc	829.70	871.30	-0.80	...
MGM ASSURANCE MGM House, Heene Road, Worthing BN11 2DY. 01903 204631				
UK Equity	243.00	255.80	-0.20	...
UK Equity Acc	353.20	371.80	...	...
Special Sits	98.90	104.20	-0.10	...
Special Sits Acc	143.80	151.40	-0.10	...
North American	198.40	208.90	+1.40	...
N American Acc	288.50	303.70	+2.30	...
Pacific Basin	361.30	380.40	-2.80	...
Pacific Basin Acc	525.20	552.90	-3.90	...
Fixed Interest	285.00	300.00	-1.00	...
Fixed Interest Acc	414.80	436.70	-1.30	...
Property	178.50	187.90	+0.10	...
Property Acc	259.70	273.40	+0.20	...
Deposit	153.20	161.30	...	...
Deposit Acc	223.00	234.80	+0.20	...
Managed	273.80	288.30	-0.20	...
Managed Acc	366.90	386.30	...	...
MERCHANT INVESTORS St Bartholomew House, Lewins Mead Bristol BS1 2NH 0117 9266 366				
Property	430.20	452.80	+0.30	...
UK Equity	382.10	402.20	-1.60	...
Gilt Edged	591.90	623.00	-4.40	...
Interest Fund	401.80	422.90	+0.40	...
Managed Fd	517.40	544.60	-2.70	...
Intl Equity	621.10	653.70	-2.50	...
North American	233.90	246.20	+4.00	...
Far East	459.70	483.80	-2.50	...
Intl Currency	264.20	278.10	+0.70	...
NPI 48 Gracechurch Street, London EC3P 3HH 0171 623 4200				
Managed	524.10	551.60	-0.40	...
UK Equity	676.30	711.80	-0.20	...
Overseas Equity	512.00	538.90	...	...
Americas	461.50	467.80	+1.50	...
Far East	571.50	601.50	-5.40	...
Property	221.10	232.70	-0.70	...
Fixed Interest	403.40	424.60	+0.20	...
Indexed Gilt	239.80	252.40	-1.30	...
Deposit	224.10	235.80	+0.20	...
NORWICH UNION LIFE INSURANCE SOCIETY - Ex NUAM Funds PO Box 148, Norwich NR3 1PP 01603 622200				
Managed Fund	1544.30	1625.60	-0.80	...
Equity Fund	3419.40	3599.40	-6.00	...
Property Fd	580.50	610.50	-0.60	...
Fixed Int Fd	616.10	648.50	+1.20	...
Deposit Fund	362.20	381.30	+0.40	...
Intl Fund	260.90	274.60	+0.20	...
OLD MUTUAL 2 Bartley Way, Hook, Hants RG27 9XA 01256 768888				
Equity Fund Acc	321.70	339.40	+1.60	...
Fxd Interest Acc	248.40	262.10	-1.10	...
International Acc	262.50	276.70	-2.20	...
Managed Acc	231.60	244.40	-0.40	...
Property Acc	218.30	230.30	...	...
Money Acc	160.10	168.90	+0.10	...
Spec Mkt Acc	224.00	236.30	-3.70	...
Japan Equity Acc	112.30	118.50	-3.30	...
N Amer Acc	168.30	177.60	+1.40	...
Pacific Acc	154.40	162.90	-2.30	...
European Acc	191.30	201.80	-1.10	...
PEARL ASSURANCE The Pearl Centre, Lynch Wood, Peterborough PE2 6FY. 01733 470 470				
Inv Prop Dist	158.10	166.50	+0.20	...
Prop Acc (Gross)	333.00	350.60	+0.40	...
Inv Equity	1310.90	1379.90	-5.00	...
Inv Managed	911.30	959.30	-2.80	...
Ret Managed	1034.00	1088.50	-5.60	...
PROVIDENT MUTUAL Six Hills Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 2ST 01438 732000				
Managed Ord	512.60	539.60	...	...
Managed Initial	336.20	353.90	-0.20	...
Equity Ord	795.80	837.70	-0.90	...
Equity Init	521.90	549.40	-0.60	...
I-Linked Gilt Ord	207.20	218.10	-1.20	...
I-Linked Gilt Init	141.50	149.40	-0.80	...
Overs Equity Ord	399.70	420.70	-0.50	...
Overs Equity Init	262.20	276.00	+0.30	...
Property Ord	278.60	293.30	+0.50	...
Property Init	182.80	192.30	+0.10	...
Fixed Int Ord	292.60	308.00	+0.10	...
Fixed Int Init	191.90	202.00	...	...
Deposit Ord	213.50	224.70	+0.20	...
Deposit Initial	140.00	147.40	...	...
PRUDENTIAL Holborn Bars, London EC1N 2NH 0171 405 9222				
Managed	372.60	392.20	-0.60	...
PRUDENTIAL INDIVIDUAL LIFE FDS 1 Stephen Street, London W1P 2AP 0171 548 3278				
Managed Fund	872.60	918.60	-2.10	...
Equity Fund	1687.30	1775.90	+6.30	...
Intl Fund	677.10	712.80	+1.00	...
Fixed Interest	590.00	620.10	-0.20	...
Property Fund	492.40	518.40	...	...
Cash Fund	376.20	396.00	+0.30	...
Pacific Basin	377.20	397.10	-3.20	...
N American Fd	304.10	320.20	+4.80	...
Euro Fund	296.20	311.80	+2.50	...
Balanced Fund	170.80	179.80	+0.50	...
Strategic Fund	181.90	191.50	+0.90	...
ROYAL HERITAGE LIFE ASSURANCE Peterborough Business Park, Peterborough PE2 6GG. 01733 390000				
Mult Grow (45)‡	824.80	...	...	...
-do- Acc	475.80	500.80	...	...
Op Prop	505.00	531.50	-0.10	...
Op Equity	1069.00	1125.20	-15.30	...
Op High Yield	614.70	647.00	-3.00	...
Op Managed	865.50	911.10	-6.20	...
Op Deposit	406.20	427.60	+0.30	...
Inc Gth	325.00	342.70	-4.00	...
Japan Smlr	243.50	256.30	-1.20	...
Managed Gth	270.90	285.10	-11.20	...
Gilt	83.70	88.10	+0.30	...
British	410.50	432.00	-3.40	...
Global Bond	122.60	129.00	+0.00	...
Global Inc & Gth	170.80	179.70	-0.90	...
Gold Share	82.50	86.80	-3.10	...
High Income	314.80	331.30	-2.90	...
Income	473.20	498.10	-6.60	...
Japan	417.50	439.40	-3.70	...
UK Smlr Cos	378.40	398.20	-3.30	...
Mngd Growth	491.50	517.30	-2.00	...
ROYAL LIFE INSURANCE New Hall Place, Liverpool L69 3HS 0151 239 3000				
Royal Shield Fd	1062.20	1124.00	+13.10	...
Royal Life Unit Linked				
Managed Fund	420.00	442.10	+5.10	...
Equity Fund	600.00	631.50	-2.10	...
Property Fund	332.70	350.20	-0.60	...
International	508.30	535.00	-1.30	...
Pacific Basin	264.10	277.90	-1.80	...
United States	300.30	316.10	+3.60	...
Gilt Fund	381.50	401.50	+2.70	...
SAVE & PROSPER 16-22 Western Road, Romford, Essex RM1 3LB. 01708 766966				
Bal Inv Fund	811.80	859.10	-5.70	2.20
Deposit Fund (8)	387.30	409.95	-0.50	7.07
Gilt Fund	540.10	571.80	-3.80	6.15
Global Equity Fd	249.30	263.90	-1.80	...
Property Fund (48)	116.30	122.90	...	7.08
AO Bond Fund	155.30	164.40	-1.20	...
SCOTTISH AMICABLE 150 St Vincent Street, Glasgow 0141 248 2323				
Equity	640.60	680.70	-0.80	...
Fixed Interest	396.80	407.20	-0.40	...
Index-Linked	202.60	213.30	-1.20	...
International	485.30	510.90	-1.40	...
Property	304.10	320.20	-0.60	...
Cash	237.90	250.50	+0.20	...
Managed	508.50	530.00	-0.90	...
Cap Gteed Bd	124.80	131.50	-0.50	...
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE 28 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YF 0131 556 9101				
Cash	187.514	197.384	+0.20	...
Index-Linked	167.90	176.90	-1.00	...
Fixed Interest	181.10	190.90	-0.30	...
Mixed	276.70	291.40	+1.20	...
UK Equity	266.80	281.10	+2.40	...
International	222.40	236.80	+1.00	...
American	295.80	309.40	+3.80	...
Japan	228.80	238.90	-2.90	...
European	283.40	298.50	+3.90	...
Pacific	361.20	380.10	+3.10	...
Technology	444.30	467.70	-2.40	...
Frgn BdCurrcy	244.20	257.20	-1.00	...
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YE 0131 225 2211				
Property	220.50	232.20	-3.80	...
UK Equity	393.10	413.90	+2.10	...
American	282.40	297.40	+1.70	...
Pacific	351.80	370.50	-5.70	...
European	515.60	542.90	+5.90	...
International	331.50	349.00	-0.90	...
Fixed Interest	245.10	258.10	+0.70	...
Index Linked	204.10	214.90	-0.60	...
Deposit	201.50	212.20	+0.20	...
Managed	309.70	326.10	+0.40	...
Worldwide	127.40	134.20	-0.50	...
Pen Worldwide	136.60	143.90	-0.60	...
SCOTTISH MUTUAL ASSURANCE 109 St Vincent Street, Glasgow G2 5HN 0141 248 6321				
Flex Fund (55)	1781.20	1836.30	...	...
Safety Fund	248.90	262.00	+0.80	...
Growth Fund	250.50	263.80	+1.20	...
Opportunity Fd	251.40	264.70	+0.90	...
Cash Fund	180.00	189.50	+0.20	...
European Fund	369.80	389.20	+2.70	...
Gilts & Fxd Int	208.40	219.40	+0.90	...
Index-Linked Fd	186.70	196.60	-1.00	...
International Fd	301.20	317.10	+0.20	...
North American	263.70	277.60	+3.50	...
Property Fund	128.20	136.10	-0.10	...
UK Equity	271.40	285.70	+2.60	...
UK Smaller	262.50	276.40	-1.20	...
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT 6 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 0131 556 9181				
Mixed	290.30	305.60	-0.40	...
Equity	310.50	326.90	-1.30	...
International	283.00	298.00	-0.20	...
Property	233.60	246.00	+0.30	...
Fixed Interest	228.20	240.30	-1.50	...
Index Linked	186.50	196.40	-1.90	...
Cash	192.50	202.70	+0.20	...
Formerly Pruifc				
Bal Gwth Mngd	886.20	921.50	-5.90	...
Cash Fund	350.10	369.00	+0.40	...
Property Fund	299.60	315.80	+0.40	...
Equity Fund	971.60	1038.70	-1.60	...
Fxd Interest Fund	483.80	509.30	-3.70	...
International	407.10	433.10	-1.00	...
High Income	781.30	832.20	-9.10	...
Far East	584.20	621.50	-2.00	...
North American	626.60	666.60	+4.70	...
Special Sits	715.80	761.50	-7.00	...
Technology	869.30	924.80	-11.00	...
Extra Income Fd	426.60	453.90	+0.60	...
Gilt Fund	502.30	534.40	-3.00	...
European	159.20	169.40	+1.90	...
Adventurous Mg	244.00	259.60	+0.20	...
Secure Mgd	156.80	165.30	-0.70	...
Equity Inc Dist	125.10	132.50	-0.20	4.45
Managed Dist	115.30	121.60	...	4.93
SCOTTISH WIDOWS PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU 0131 655 6000				
Inv Pol 1	1059.60	1059.60	+8.60	...
Inv Pol 2	960.80	1011.30	+8.10	...
Inv Pol 3	914.30	962.50	+3.60	...
Inv Cash	326.10	343.30	+0.40	...
Mixed Fund	495.80	522.20	+4.20	...
Equity Fund	598.00	627.50	+8.00	...
Property Fund	245.60	258.70	+0.30	...
International Fd	539.00	567.30	+3.00	...
Fixed Interest Fd	392.60	413.30	-0.80	...
Indexed Stock Fd	204.80	215.70	-1.10	...
Cash Fund	235.80	248.40	+0.20	...
SKANDIA LIFE Skandia House, Portland Terrace, Southampton SO9 7BX 01703 334411				
Managed Acc	408.80	430.30	-3.40	...
Equity Acc	495.80	522.00	-7.10	...
International Acc	353.90	372.50	-3.40	...
Property	232.50	244.70	+0.20	...
STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE CO 3 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 0131 225 2552				
Cash	277.30	291.90	+0.30	...
Equity	1122.30	1181.40	+8.10	...
European	186.70	196.50	+3.20	...
Far East	175.40	184.70	-1.40	...
Fixed Interest	413.40	435.10	+0.70	...
Index Linked	217.10	228.60	-1.30	...
International	659.70	694.50	+3.10	...
Managed	771.40	812.10	+5.70	...
Nth American	167.10	175.90	+1.80	...
Property	301.30	317.20	+0.20	...
Pensions				
Cash	436.40	459.40	-0.50	...
Equity	1693.80	1784.20	+14.00	...
European	226.10	238.10	+4.60	...
Far East	140.80	149.00	-1.80	...
Fixed Interest	594.90	625.70	-1.50	...
Index Linked	303.60	319.60	-1.70	...
International	941.80	990.40	+3.40	...
Managed	1113.60	1172.30	+7.60	...
Nth American	210.30	221.40	+1.30	...
Property	371.30	390.80	+1.40	...
Stock Exchange	231.60	244.00	-1.50	...
SUN ALLIANCE St Mark's Court, Horsham, Sussex 01403 232323				
Managed Fund	728.50	766.90	+0.20	...
Equity Fund	967.20	1018.20	+0.90	...
Fixed Interest Fd	428.80	450.70	...	...
Index-Linked Fd	331.00	348.50	-1.40	...
Property Fund	529.50	557.40	+0.40	...
International Fd	706.10	743.30	-1.90	...
N American Fd	288.70	303.90	+5.60	...
Far East Fund	238.10	250.70	-1.30	...
Deposit Fund	309.10	325.40	+0.30	...
International Bd‡	897.03	...	+0.34	...
Worldwide Bond	167.40	176.30	+1.40	...
European	179.70	189.20	+1.60	...
Phoenix Assurance				
Wealth Assured	718.10	756.00	-9.50	...
Ebor Phoenix Eq	515.40	553.50	...	...
Property Growth				
Property Fund‡	614.20	...	+0.60	...
-do- Acc‡	571.20	...	+0.50	...
Agricultural Fd‡	851.40	...	+0.70	...
-do- Acc‡	816.50	...	+0.70	...
Abbey Nat Fd‡	457.50	...	+0.40	...
Abbey Nat Acc‡	482.10	...	+0.30	...
Investment Fd‡	388.80	...	+0.10	...
Investment (A)‡	372.70	...	+0.10	...
Equity‡	1413.10	...	+1.30	...
Equity Acc‡	1350.30	...	-1.10	...
Money Fund‡	494.20	...	+0.50	...
-do- Acc‡	472.10	...	+0.50	...
Actuarial Fd‡	640.00	...	...	...
Gilt-Edged Fd‡	401.80	...	+0.10	...
-do- Acc‡	401.80	...	+0.10	...
Retire Annuity‡	1262.20	...	...	...
Imdted Annuity‡	294.00	...	...	...
Bldg Soc Life‡	234.60	...	+0.20	...
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ Dealing: 01256 841414				
Growth Accnt‡	1591.90	...	-33.90	...
Managed Acc‡	902.40	...	+11.70	...
Equity Account‡	1318.50	...	+24.90	...
Mngd Fund Acc	413.50	435.20	+2.70	...
Equity Fund Acc	573.50	603.70	+7.30	...
Prop Fund Acc	265.80	279.80	+0.30	...
Fixed Int Fd Acc	321.10	338.10	+1.40	...
Money Fund Acc	228.60	240.70	-0.30	...
Indx-Lnk Scr Ac	212.60	224.00	+1.00	...
Pers Pens Acct	2026.70	...	...	...
Pens Mngd Acc	947.10	997.00	-3.90	...
Pens Guarantee	270.00	284.30	+0.60	...
Pens Equity	369.70	389.20	-2.60	...
Pens Property	308.70	324.90	-1.80	...
Pens Fixed Int	300.90	316.80	+0.40	...
Pens Intl	258.30	271.90	-0.10	...
Pens Money	247.60	260.60	+0.30	...
Pens Indx-Lnkd	203.20	213.90	-0.90	...
SUN LIFE UNIT St James Barton, Bristol BS99 7SL 0117 9426911				
Managed Acc	958.90	1009.00	-2.70	...
Property Acc	312.30	328.80	-8.90	...
Equity Acc	1594.40	1678.40	-4.90	...
Fixed Int Acc	419.40	441.50	+1.00	...
Cash Acc	320.40	337.30	+0.20	...
Amer Equity Acc	433.40	456.30	+1.00	...
Japan Acc	291.60	307.00	-3.50	...
Pacific Acc	376.70	396.60	-1.40	...
Far Eastern Acc	847.20	891.80	-4.60	...
International Acc	627.50	660.60	-3.40	...
Distribution Fund	287.90	303.10	...	5.94
European	203.70	214.50	+1.90	...
Deflrd Dist	180.10	189.60	...	...
TSB LIFE LTD Charlton Place, Andover, Hants SP10 1RE 01264 345678				
Managed Fund	305.50	321.60	+0.30	...
Property Fund	231.70	244.00	-0.20	...
Fixed Interest Fd	232.50	244.80	+0.50	...
Money Fund	207.20	218.20	+0.10	...
Equity Fund	397.20	418.00	+0.40	...
WINDSOR LIFE Windsor House, Telford, Shropshire 01952 292929				
Managed Bond	732.50	772.10	-12.10	...
Money Fund	328.70	346.00	+0.30	...
Equity Fund	673.30	708.70	+7.40	...
Fixed Interest	292.90	308.30	+2.60	...
Property Fund	359.10	378.00	...	...
Gresham Brandington				
American & Genl	646.60	681.30	+1.80	...
Income	803.20	846.40	+2.90	...
International Gth	670.80	706.80	-0.50	...
Capital Fund	672.40	708.50	-0.80	...
Recovery Fund	657.70	693.00	-3.70	...
Japan & General	265.90	280.20	-6.50	...
Formerly Allied				
Life Funds				
Squirrel	18.69	19.67	+0.02	...
Bear	20.75	21.84	-0.17	...
Owl	22.48	23.66	-0.11	...
Bull	19.17	20.18	-0.05	...
Stag	19.90	20.95	-0.16	...
Gilt Edged	19.36	20.38	-0.11	...
Deposit	16.29	17.15	+0.02	...
Pensions				
Squirrel	25.68	27.03	+0.04	...
Bear	28.15	30.05	-0.17	...
Owl	31.01	32.64	-0.08	...
Bull	25.05	26.37	-0.04	...
Stag	25.41	26.75	-0.22	...
Gilt Edged	24.66	25.96	-0.13	...
Deposit	21.30	22.42	+0.03	...
Pre 1982 Series				
3-Way Fund	674.35	...	-1.48	...
1982 Series				
UK Equity	371.38	390.91	-3.58	...
N Amer Equity	313.98	330.51	+2.02	...
Far East Equity	373.74	393.41	-0.59	...
Fixed	306.20	322.32	-1.79	...
Cash Deposit	211.94	223.09	+0.21	...
Property	151.44	159.41	-1.11	...
Special Opp	374.15	393.84	-2.07	...
Managed	329.58	346.87	-0.04	...
Index-Linked Fd	195.81	206.12	-2.00	...



La dégustation: do not overlook classic white burgundy, where the chardonnay grape comes into its element

How to acquire a taste for Burgundy's liquid asset

Conal Gregory, master of wine, on the value of appreciating a vintage

Burgundy is one of the most important wine regions of the world and yet its wines are often overlooked in the investor's cellar, partly on account of publicity for claret and port.

Yet, for the careful purchaser, good rewards can be secured such as seeing Richebourg 1978 vintage from Domaine de la Romanée-Conti (DRC) jump from £720 eight years ago to £1,600 today, per case.

Pinot Noir is the backbone of red burgundy. This is a most difficult grape to cultivate with only limited success elsewhere such as in California (Mondavi), Oregon (Willamette Valley), Tasmania and Washington State (Columbia Winery). This means that world demand is directed at a small area south of Dijon.

Production is tiny. A first growth claret, like Chateau Margaux, makes about 32,000 dozen bottles a year from 75 hectares (about 185 acres). By comparison, Appellation La Romanée, the smallest burgundy, yields 330 dozen bottles from just 0.85 ha (about 2.1 acres). To complicate matters, many vineyards are subdivided with multi-ownership, such as 82 for Clos de Vougeot.

The starting point is to buy the grands crus, which carry the vineyard alone on the label (such as Chambertin or Musigny). Then look for the leading producers, starting with DRC. There is enormous American, Belgian, British and Swiss demand for this winemaker.

At auction, DRC's Grands-Echézeaux 1971 has risen from £950 per dozen seven years ago to £2,400 today. However, take care with DRC vintages from 1991 onwards, many feel their standards have fallen.

Stocks of DRC are scarce. As examples of current prices, Booths of Preston offer 1990 Echézeaux at £910 and 1988 La Tâche at £2,220, both per dozen bottles including VAT.

After DRC, in the Côte de Nuits, look for Armand Rousseau of Gevrey-Chambertin, Ponsot in Morey St Denis and Comte Georges de Vogüe in Chambolle-Musigny. These producers have estates in the leading appellations whose wines show an elegance that is much sought after.

Both Rousseau and de Vogüé are in Justerini and Brooks's current offer of 1993 burgundies. Look particularly for the former's Chambertin Grand Cru at £720 and de Vogue's Bonnes Mares at £780, which Justerini expects to be ready from 2005.

For those who like the softer wines of the Beaune district, look for Comte Lafon and Marquis d'Angerville. Both consistently make outstanding Volnay. Also try to purchase larger size bottles as — in the long term — they rise markedly more than standard 75cl bottles. This week, Sotheby's offered magnums of 1985 DRC Grands-Echezeaux and double magnums of 1976 and 1985 Richebourg.

Do not overlook classic white burgundy. Here the chardonnay grape comes into its element. Le Montrachet is the finest district: first mentioned in 1482.

As Anthony Hanson says in *Burgundy*: "Nobody disputes its place today as potentially the greatest white wine of Burgundy."

If looking for one producer, single out Domaine Leflaive whose 21 hectares (almost 52 acres) include Le Montrachet, Chevalier-Montrachet and Puligny-Montrachet. Good white burgundy is traditionally offered by both Farr Vintners (0171 828 1960) and Robert Rolls (0171 248 8382).

Vintages can greatly affect price. For red burgundy, 1993 looks very promising, 1990 even better, 1989 fair to good, and 1988 splendid (the best since 1978). On white, 1992 is outstanding, the like of which has not been seen for years.

BOUNTY IN A BOTTLE

Red burgundy from Domaine de la Romanée-Conti (Per case)

Wine	Vintage	Price at Auction £ 1988	Now
Richebourg	1978	720*	1,600
	1971	700-820**	2,860
	1970	290*	660
	1988	1,080	1,980
Grands-Echezeaux	1983	400-420	790
	1982	250-280	460
	1971	950	2420
	1970	240-310	520
Echezeaux	1978	480	790

*Sale price in 1987, **Sale price in 1985. Source: Christie, Manson and Woods Limited.

Expert help for charity trustees

MORE than half a million people act as unpaid trustees to charities. The work they do is invaluable to the health and vitality of the charity sector which last year reported gross annual income of £12.8 billion.

But, as a new book published today points out, the responsibilities facing trustees are more onerous than many expect. Andrew Hind, in the introduction to his book, *The Governance and Management of Charities* (£25) says: "At its simplest, good governance practice in a charity requires trustees to be clear about what the charity is seeking to achieve and how, with 'no financial bottom line', they will know when the goal has been attained ... this is more difficult in practice than many trustees assume."

As a former senior executive of Barnardos and ActionAid, together with a number of other leading roles in the sector, Mr Hind has considerable first-hand knowledge to impart in his 512-page book, which is backed by BZW and BDO Stoy Hayward.

The high-profile charities have coffers large enough to call in expert help. But the giants are in a minority and most cannot afford professional fees. As Mr Hind, himself a trustee of two small charities, says, some 80 per cent of the 179,000 registered charities in England and Wales have an annual income of less than £10,000. This book provides trustees and others involved in charities with an invaluable guide. For details, call Voluntary Sector Press 0181-449 8867.

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01895 259 783				
Grofund Amer	185.90	196.80	+0.70	0.15
Grofund Equity	263.20	280.60	+1.00	2.13
Grofund Euro	229.70	243.10	+1.90	1.30
Grofund Ext Bal	122.60	127.10	-0.10	1.01
Grofund Gilt	73.30	75.80	-0.41	5.30
Grofund Japan	162.00	171.40	-4.70	...
AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS				
01203 553 231				
General Acc	601.10	639.50†	...	2.67
General Inc	516.40	549.40†	...	2.67
UK Growth Acc	407.50	433.60	+1.80	2.87
UK Growth Inc	271.50	288.90	-6.30	2.87
Higher Inc Acc	753.30	801.30	+1.20	4.08
Higher Inc Inc	419.30	446.10	-3.50	4.08
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	197.60	208.70†	+0.60	5.77
Gilt/Fxd Int Inc	90.86	95.97†	+0.12	5.77
Nth America	325.10	345.90	+8.00	...
Europe	307.70	327.40†	+3.00	1.05
Gilt Stock	81.52	86.73	+0.17	2.90
Brit Frdnds Acc	110.10	117.20†	-0.10	4.71
Brit Frdnds Inc	77.08	82.01†	-0.12	4.71
Global Opps	93.30	99.28	-0.69	0.24
Balanced Acc	58.83	62.38	+0.03	2.96
Balanced Inc	56.09	59.69	-0.01	2.96
Japan Acc	43.92	46.73†	-1.18	...
Pac Basin Acc	374.85	398.60	+0.90	0.93
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS				
0345 717 373				
High Income				
Gilts & Fixed Int	127.50	135.30†	-0.30	7.39
High Inc Equity	174.50	185.60†	-0.70	4.22
Worldwide Bond	284.40	301.60	+2.00	4.84
Capital Growth				
American Growth	322.20	344.60	+3.00	0.53
Asian Pacific	316.60	337.00	-1.80	...
Assets & Earnings	293.80	311.70	-2.70	2.72
Commodity & Energy	104.70	112.00	...	0.12
Euro Capital Inc	145.60	155.70	+0.80	0.62
-do- Accum	156.20	167.00	+1.00	0.62
General	260.50	277.10	-2.40	3.01
Japan	114.50	122.50	-2.60	...
Multinational	149.00	159.40	-0.50	1.52
US Emerging Cos	164.50	175.00	+1.10	...
Income & Growth	429.10	456.50	-3.20	2.98
Ethical	72.61	77.46	+0.07	2.61
International	120.80	128.50	-0.70	0.70
Dividend & Growth	65.46	69.64	-0.17	4.04
Global Gwth & Sec	69.31	74.13	-0.13	2.86
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	1973.00	2047.00	+8.00	
ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0800 833 580				
Amer Inc & Growth	51.05	53.02†	+0.62	0.58
Cash	50.26	50.26†	+0.03	5.82
Emerging Mkts	68.19	72.27	-0.11	0.85
European	127.68	133.80	+1.10	...
Exempt	1071.10	1083.30†	-6.10	1.72
Extra Income #	48.73	52.18†	-0.14	6.51
Far East Emg Eco	117.30	124.30	-1.10	0.50
Fixed Interest #	23.34	24.50	...	9.59
Fund Inv Tst	163.00	171.50†	-1.20	9.07
Japan	178.20	186.70	-3.00	...
Latin American	49.37	51.82	-0.31	0.94
Pacific	78.08	82.52	-0.29	0.32
Property Share	61.68	64.75	-1.07	2.01
UK Emerging Cos	68.09	72.52	+0.25	1.71
UK Growth	47.84	50.87†	+0.05	2.32
Abtrst Wrld Port #	77.88	79.31	+0.35	2.07
Ethical	70.26	73.75	+0.38	2.39
Aberdeen Gilt Inc #	50.09	50.09†	-0.10	7.50
AEGON UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0131 549 3292				
Select Portfolio	92.70	98.62†	-0.05	...
AIRWAYS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0171 258 5868				
Resid Property	97.79	104.30	.	5.28
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD				
01452 305 958				
Amity Income	80.70	85.62†	-0.26	2.41
Income Builder Inc	74.83	79.61	-0.18	2.88
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC				
IFA dlg: 01793 610 366 Client dlg: 01793 514 514				
Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	253.80	271.30†	+0.50	2.88
Capital	452.20	483.40†	+0.60	1.71
Balanced	752.20	804.10	+5.10	2.47
Accumulator	1408.00	1505.80†	+6.00	2.70
Income Trusts				
American Income	54.65	57.77	+0.44	3.08
High Income	422.50	451.80†	+2.70	3.42
Equity Income	236.80	252.50	+0.80	3.29
High Yield	258.40	276.29	+1.49	3.15
Govt Securities	33.02	34.85†	+0.07	6.68
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	175.20	187.20†	+2.00	0.37
European Growth	41.65	44.53	+0.53	0.01
International	172.20	183.90	-0.78	0.18
Japan	189.70	201.90	-5.10	0.01
Pacific	387.40	414.10	-2.80	0.01
Secs of America	501.00	532.30†	+3.80	0.43
Wrldw Asset Val	51.19	54.72	-0.21	0.22
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	570.80	610.10	+2.30	2.09
Conv & Gilt	44.57	47.64	-0.01	4.87
Smaller Cos	187.50	200.40†	-2.10	1.11
2nd Smaller Cos	177.30	189.50†	-2.00	1.28
Recovery	153.30	163.80†	-0.70	1.60
Met Min & Cdty	158.90	167.70	-1.80	0.71
Oseas Earnings	382.80	409.20	...	1.85
Technology	199.60	213.30†	-1.90	0.01
UK Special Sits	515.10	550.60†	+0.80	1.57
B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
01293 526 911				
Colecd Dist Pens	107.30	111.40	...	3.04
Foundtn Persl Pens	65.47	67.97	...	1.44
BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 600 0033				
Capital	75.72	80.55	+0.43	1.61
International	65.26	69.45	-1.24	...
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD				
0131 222 4242				
America	282.70	304.29†	+1.59	...
Bond	113.90	119.80†	-0.60	7.00
Brit Smlr Cos	110.90	118.80	-0.60	2.86
Conv & Gen #	67.96	72.30	-0.26	5.44
Europe	234.30	249.00	+1.10	0.64
Emg Smlr Cos	106.10	112.90	+0.29	0.62
Income Gwth	369.00	392.50†	+4.60	3.93
Japan	309.39	329.10†	-5.60	...
Latin American	68.95	73.35	-0.02	...
Pacific	105.90	112.70	-0.40	1.26
UK Smlr Cos	59.35	63.14	-0.23	1.27
Japan Fd	657.70	678.40	-7.40	...
Mngd Fd	185.40	196.90†	+1.29	3.03
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD				
0171 489 8673				
Bal & Ocsec	326.70	343.90	+7.50	0.84
Capital Gwth	121.30	127.79	+3.40	2.58
Wrldw Opps	210.00	211.60	+4.80	0.95
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD				
0181 534 5544				
Balanced Trusts				
Bcls Inv Fd Inc	377.60	393.30	-2.20	2.57
European Bd Inc	92.29	95.56	+0.13	6.65
Exempt	77.26	82.53	-0.31	4.15
Financial	87.85	93.97	+3.66	2.83
500	467.60	505.50†	-3.18	2.58
General	287.80	303.20†	-2.70	2.69
Property	245.20	263.10	-0.70	6.53
Trustee	204.30	217.90	-0.50	2.20
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.20	100.30†	+0.10	6.02
Extra Income	126.50	135.30†	+0.40	5.03
Gilt & Fxd Int	57.07	58.98†	-0.41	8.51
Income	553.60	592.30	-1.40	3.86
Income Builder #	65.32	69.68†	-0.42	5.64
Intl Income	65.48	69.66	+0.24	3.36
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	127.90	136.50	-0.60	2.36
Leisure	144.60	154.70	-0.20	1.16
Recovery	442.90	473.70	-4.80	2.73
Smlr Cos Inc	47.54	50.98	-0.46	2.28
Special Sits	326.50	349.20	-0.80	1.39
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	148.40	157.90	+1.60	0.33
Aust Acc	255.70	274.40	-0.50	2.23
Aust Inc	156.20	167.40	-0.30	2.23
Euro Gwth Inc	161.60	171.60	+0.70	0.77
-do- Accum	174.70	185.50	+0.80	0.77
Japan & Gen Inc	156.50	165.70	-3.00	...
-do- Accum	158.30	167.60	-3.00	...
Japan Spec Sits	71.57	76.24	-1.56	...
Unic Tech Inc	87.98	93.74	+0.03	0.08
Worldwide	175.10	185.80	-0.50	0.84
BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0171 214 1004				
American Growth	107.80	113.80	+1.10	...
Asian Smlr Cos	151.00	161.60	-1.00	...
Convertibles	53.38	57.31†	-0.23	5.70
Eastern	287.99	311.40	+0.10	0.30
Equity Income	88.87	95.22	+0.14	4.18
European Growth	317.80	337.00	+3.80	0.60
Europe	259.40	275.60	-0.20	0.20
German Growth	81.55	86.52	+0.27	0.50
Global Bond	65.62	68.06	+0.32	6.50
Global Growth	135.00	143.90	+0.20	...
Japan Growth	194.30	207.00	-4.10	...
Japan Sectors	149.90	159.30	-1.50	...
Korea Trust	81.57	88.48	+0.59	...
Portfolio	136.40	145.90	+0.30	2.30
-do- Accum	254.00	271.80	+0.60	2.30
UK Growth	87.16	93.30	-0.10	2.70
UK Smaller Cos	85.33	92.71	-0.53	1.80
Select Managers	86.48	86.22	-0.32	1.00
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 250 3300				
Intl Gwth Port Inc	79.24	84.30	-2.18	...
Special Oppor Inc	56.89	60.20	-1.46	...
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD				
0141 223 5020				
Balanced Growth	119.57	126.84†	+0.43	1.48
-do- Accum	136.93	144.90	+0.56	1.48
Smaller Cos	119.27	126.21	+0.11	0.88
Higher Yield #	48.98	51.83†	-0.08	4.29
American Gth Inc	80.18	84.85	+2.00	...
European Growth	148.69	157.24†	-2.58	0.52
-do- Accum	151.52	160.34	-2.63	0.52
Global Bnd Inc #	26.86	27.93	-0.01	7.37
Mngd Prfolio Inc	45.40	48.02†	-0.14	1.45
-do- Accum	46.56	49.25	-0.14	1.46
Intl Spec Opps	129.94	137.48	-1.04	...
Pacific Gth	132.76	140.43	-0.29	0.30
UK General #	83.27	88.12	-0.28	3.19
-do- Accum #	86.74	91.79	-0.29	3.19
Japan	57.77	61.14	-1.64	...
Gilt & Fixed Inc #	97.51	101.04†	-0.53	8.61
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 480 7216				
Short Dated Gilt	65.75	68.60	-0.37	6.39
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0161 837 5060				
Environ	178.20	181.10	-0.58	1.70
UK Growth	183.30	195.10	-0.40	2.21
UK Income	137.90	146.80†	-0.50	4.42
CANADA LIFE MGMT (UK) LTD				
01707 622 100				
Can Gen Dist	209.30	221.80†	+1.00	1.79
-do- Income Dist	115.90	122.90	-0.58	4.07
-do- Accum	357.30	378.80	-1.70	4.07
Gilt & Fxd Int	39.97	42.37†	+0.05	6.42
Growth Units	220.90	236.30†	+1.00	2.13
Bond	169.98	178.90†	-1.10	8.51
Intl Growth	221.50	235.90	-0.90	0.43
North American	212.20	226.00	+0.30	0.32
Far East	280.40	299.30	+0.13	1.09
UK Smaller Cos	195.70	209.30	-0.30	1.54
European	88.11	93.73	-0.45	0.61
Japanese Growth	44.80	47.62	-0.99	...
High Income	199.40	213.30†	-0.90	4.03
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD				
0161 831 7433 Enq 0161 831 7433 Dlg 0161 831 7456				
American & Gen	177.40	188.88†	+2.30	
European Inc	83.36	88.16	+1.77	1.20
Smaller Cos (4-1)	91.84	97.71†	+0.53	1.63
Growth	470.96	500.20†	-2.30	1.97
Income & Growth #	435.80	463.50	-0.60	3.88
-do- Accum #	634.50	675.10	-0.80	3.88
Japan & Gen	65.40	69.41	-2.81	
Master Portfolio	£105.19	£109.74†	+10.00	2.33
-do- Accum	£128.75	£133.86	+12.00	2.33
Special Sits	109.08	115.90	-0.89	1.97
High Yield	£14.19	£14.63	-2.88	4.31

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CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0171 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	90.97	97.10	+0.40	2.65
American Portfolio	105.60	112.12	+0.71	1.87
European Portfolio	112.84	120.89†	+1.33	0.56
High Income	50.52	50.57	+0.11	8.00
Japanese Portfolio	64.90	68.10†	-1.74	...
Pacific Portfolio	142.55	153.29	-0.15	1.46
UK Inc & Growth	83.46	89.48†	+0.36	3.85
Utility & Bond	58.29	58.91	-0.37	6.46
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0171 588 1815				
Inv Fund	707.63	718.33	-1.86	4.43
Fxd Int Sec	152.49	153.11	-0.36	8.41
COIF CHARITY FUNDS				
0171 588 1815				
Investment Inc	698.86	699.28	-10.76	4.55
Investment Acc	130.33	130.79	-48.11	...
Fixed Int Inc	122.51	123.41	-0.86	9.32
Fixed Int Acc	204.57	205.39	-1.59	...
CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD				
0171 637 7887				
Intl Growth	118.22	128.99	-0.42	...
UK Income	110.53	119.98	-1.35	6.23
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	84.76	89.45†	-0.40	2.72
Beck Bio-Tech	36.25	39.84	-1.08	...
Acorn Ethical Tst	158.84	168.80	+0.72	0.74
City Fin Asean	73.96	77.86†	+0.44	1.77
City Fin America	93.33	98.00	-1.80	...
City Fin Intl	80.46	84.48	-0.93	1.38
City Fin Japan	144.26	151.49	-1.77	...
Friars Hse Cap	292.11	305.51	-0.41	2.39
Friars Hse Inc	195.53	211.73	-0.84	3.88
Buckley Wrld Gth	138.14	137.95†	-3.79	...
Fairmnt Cap Gth	138.63	149.10	-1.75	...
Falconwood Intl	148.86	160.49	-1.69	...
J Sid Inc/Gth Inc	54.69	57.43	-0.82	2.04
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	58.14	59.57	-0.01	.
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
0800 373 393				
American Gwth	72.95	77.59	+1.08	...
Atlas Mngd Gwth	39.82	42.54	-0.11	0.53
Dragon Growth	67.67	72.37	+0.42	0.90
Equity High Inc	86.82	93.00†	-0.33	4.05
-do- Accum	120.54	129.13	-0.31	4.05
Extra Income Inc	25.62	28.97†	-0.18	7.79
Extra Income Acc	26.84	28.05	-0.18	7.73
European Gwth	55.19	58.71	+0.88	1.22
Evergreen	27.66	29.58	-0.33	...
General Equity	91.59	97.18	-0.13	2.97
Japan Growth	48.43	51.80	-1.43	...
Pedigree Gwth	55.12	59.16	-0.87	2.85
Pwd Sm Cos Inc	32.68	34.77	-0.17	1.64
-do- Accum	34.20	36.38	-0.18	1.64
Retirement Inc #	26.78	28.49	-0.08	5.65
Special Sits	41.29	43.93	+0.08	2.23
UK & Overseas	52.58	55.91	-0.38	1.21
COLONIAL UT MGRS LTD				
01634 898 000				
Capital	73.67	76.82	-0.06	1.98
Balanced	84.39	88.97	+0.53	4.20
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MGMT INTL LTD				
0181 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	167.44	178.13†	+1.09	4.91
Fixed & Convertible	39.29	41.80†	-0.09	8.97
Monthly Inc Plus	47.99	51.05†	-0.43	8.78
Preference Share	45.31	48.20†	-0.26	8.11
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	126.26	134.32†	+0.54	6.05
Managed Fund	70.54	75.04†	+0.18	3.10
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	42.47	45.18	+0.01	1.80
-do- Accum	49.44	52.60	+0.01	1.80
UK & General	86.86	91.55†	+0.07	2.78
-do- Accum	118.43	117.48†	+0.08	2.78
UK Growth	160.14	170.36	+0.22	2.37
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	191.98	204.23	+1.57	0.12
Far Eastern Gth	126.88	134.98	-0.67	...
Global Bond	80.65	85.71†	+0.73	6.25
Japan Growth	111.68	118.81	-2.04	...
North Amer Gth	198.02	205.34	+3.80	...
Oriental Growth	77.68	82.64	...	0.07
Worldwide Growth	67.39	71.69†	+0.10	0.07
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	91.57	91.57†	+0.08	6.10
Homeinsure Fund	84.78	90.19	-0.41	1.67
Quilter Fund	141.90	150.98	+0.74	2.02
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Consistent UT	32.58	34.77	-0.23	3.42
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD				
0800 526 358				
Growth	169.80	180.69	-2.28	1.38
Income	71.79	78.28	-0.64	5.56
European	63.02	68.17	-0.15	1.14
Recovery	168.60	179.40	-1.20	2.01
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 283 9494				
Equity Dist	295.80	309.90	.	3.50
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD				
01277 690 370				
Fellowship Tst	89.39	94.99†	-0.98	1.21
Income #	262.90	279.60	-0.90	4.42
-do- Accum #	660.80	702.70	-2.30	4.25
Smaller Cos	192.60	204.80	-1.30	0.96
-do- Accum	237.00	252.10	-1.50	0.96
Inv Portfolio	87.69	93.50	-0.22	1.42
High Inc Port #	75.89	80.75	-0.09	4.42
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD				
0171 410 0177				
Euro Small Cos	1584.50	1615.50	-3.60	...
Japan Small Cos	1084.98	1106.58	+9.90	...
UK Small Cos	1978.10	2008.70	-11.80	...
US Small Cos	1881.30	1900.10	-8.70	...
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS				
0171 377 8819				
Disc Inc	220.00	231.60	-0.80	2.85
DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0131 315 2500				
European Gwth	292.10	308.50	+2.30	0.68
New Asia	216.90	231.90†	-1.00	0.15
Japan Growth	110.10	117.80†	-2.40	.
Jap Smlr Co	431.80	457.80	-5.10	...
Nth Amer	321.70	340.30	+2.70	0.86
UK Inc & Gth	227.20	242.90†	-1.30	2.75
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD				
01242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	153.30	163.00	-0.20	1.84
UK High Inc Inc	162.60	172.90	+0.39	4.17
-do- Accum	212.20	225.70	+0.38	4.17
UK Pref & F I Inc	58.18	61.60	-0.29	5.09
Emerging Oppc	93.68	99.57	-0.63	0.94
UK Smlr Cos #	59.11	62.88	-0.35	0.01
Extra Income Inc ‡	...	...	.	...
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0345 090 526				
American	143.30	152.10	+0.90	1.15
Convertibles #	21.30	22.52†	-0.14	6.52
Equity Income #	134.00	142.40†	+0.60	3.72
Eurofund	50.10	53.69	+0.70	0.38
Financial	48.56	51.60†	-0.12	1.45
Growth & Inc #	257.10	273.20	+3.50	2.82
High Dist #	167.10	177.50	+2.10	4.23
International	338.00	428.80	+0.70	0.12
Intl Cap Inc	98.57	103.10†	+0.90	2.67
Latin American	26.47	28.12	-0.04	...
Pacific	79.53	84.50†	+0.07	...
Prof High Inc	21.22	22.55†	-0.13	7.32
Tokyo	213.80	227.00†	-5.60	...
UK Smaller Cos	252.00	267.70	+0.30	1.03
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD				
0171 242 0242				
BRI Director Olgs	96.01	102.25	-0.31	1.38
Growth Acc	235.35	251.42	-0.10	0.40
Income	390.74	628.42	...	5.25
Intl & General	413.45	431.25	.	0.13
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 373 7261				
Endurance Fd	209.00	222.30†	-2.30	1.04
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
01296 431 480				
European	84.64	89.09	+1.56	2.01
Ethical Tst	44.67	47.92	+0.13	1.32
Far Eastern	297.73	313.40	-1.43	1.82
High Income	136.73	143.93	-0.77	4.77
Intl Growth	122.45	128.91	-0.17	0.59
North American	128.24	134.99†	+1.24	1.59
Pelican	125.94	132.57†	+0.98	3.33
Smaller Cos	66.88	70.40	-0.46	2.66
Special Sits	89.54	94.25†	-0.61	2.75
Tst of Inv Tsts	191.80	201.89	-0.41	1.36
EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Smaller Cos Inc	198.42	208.96†	-4.04	1.34
Smaller Cos Acc	347.59	369.78†	-7.16	1.34
Recovery	49.60	52.77	-0.74	1.87
Recovery Acc	50.50	53.72	-0.77	1.87
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD				
01392 412 144				
Capital Growth	88.72	93.08†	-1.36	...
Fd of Inv Tsts	46.42	49.51	-0.42	0.58
High Income #	40.61	43.52†	-0.27	10.57
Wallace	52.11	56.64†	-0.85	...
Zero Preference	41.17	43.69	+0.64	...
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD				
01273 220 707				
Family Asset Tst	82.06	87.29†	-0.35	3.00
Family Income Tst	43.89	43.89†	-0.62	6.59
Family Trust	90.91	96.71†	-1.72	1.99
United Charities	267.10	284.10†	-0.50	4.33
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD				
Callfree: Private Clients 0800 414 161				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00		6.20
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	27.19	27.29†	-0.27	7.32
Intl Bond	29.56	30.67	-0.18	5.47
Income Funds				
High Income	24.74	26.01†	+0.03	5.55
Income Plus	117.70	125.20	+0.90	4.23
Amer Eq Inc	53.76	57.00	+0.01	1.55
European Income	44.85	47.69	+0.54	2.41
Far East Inc	65.03	69.09	-0.64	2.38
Global Convertible	23.72	25.27†	+0.17	2.77
UK Div Gth	27.34	29.08†	-0.05	2.59
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	62.21	66.36	-0.35	...
American	282.10	299.10	+3.50	...
Amer Spec Sits	147.90	157.90	+1.50	...
Japan Smaller Cos	34.84	37.17	-0.60	...
European	194.70	207.10†	+0.60	.
European Opps	68.91	73.27	-1.06	...
Global Fin	27.91	29.68	-0.01	...
UK Growth	104.30	110.90	+0.70	...
Growth & Inc	156.10	166.00	-0.20	2.82
Intl PEP	41.55	44.18	+0.02	...
Japan Spec Sits	83.32	88.74	-1.79	...
Japan	177.70	189.00	-3.49	...
Managed Intl	309.40	329.70	+0.20	...
Moneybuilder	58.17	61.85	+0.02	...
Recovery	50.14	53.32	-0.41	...
South E Asia	165.00	176.10†	+0.40	...
Special Sits	594.50	632.20†	-1.40	...
Specialist Funds				
Cash Accum Units	111.34	111.34	-0.09	6.20
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 814 2700				
Balanced #	130.60	141.30†	-1.60	2.31
Inc Prtflo #	89.32	90.92†	+0.42	3.62
Cap Prtflo	151.20	153.70	+0.10	1.47
General Opps	128.70	138.40	-0.60	3.65
Growth Inc	32.89	33.57	-0.05	1.17
Private Portfolio	423.00	442.20†	-5.50	1.68
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT				
Enq 0171 454 1434 Dlg 01277 261 010				
European	121.70	128.90	+2.10	0.61
Emrg Asian	157.30	169.20†	-1.30	...
High Income	21.86	22.39†	+0.18	10.05
UK Growth	115.30	123.50	-0.40	2.10
UK Income	107.70	115.00	+0.10	4.40
UK Smaller Cos	365.50	391.10†	+1.20	...
FOSTER & BRAITHWAITE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
-do- Inv Tst Inc	78.40	80.34†	-0.57	4.23
Investment Trust	97.66	102.90†	-0.97	...
UK Smaller Cos	92.17	98.92	-0.85	0.98

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD				
Enq 0171 330 6500 Dealing 0345 775511				
American Growth	68.68	72.59	+0.86	...
-do- Accum	68.09	72.59	+0.86	...
Amer Smlr Cos	581.50	621.90†	+2.20	...
-do- Accum	594.10	635.40†	+2.40	...
Capital Tst	333.10	354.20†	-0.50	1.67
-do- Accum	483.70	514.40†	-0.80	1.67
Conv Smlr Cos	60.31	64.22	+0.08	0.79
-do- Accum	63.66	67.77	+0.09	0.79
Convertible	132.00	140.40	-0.60	5.33
-do- Accum	272.30	289.80	-1.10	5.39
Emerging Markets	66.10	70.61	...	...
-do- Accum	66.15	70.67	+0.01	...
European	128.70	133.80	+1.30	0.58
-do- Accum	132.70	140.50	+1.30	0.58
Extra Income	360.90	383.80	-0.10	3.82
-do- Accum	554.20	589.40	-0.10	3.82
Financial	140.80	150.80	+1.70	0.50
-do- Accum	149.10	159.80	+2.00	0.50
Gilt Trust	61.13	65.03†	+0.08	6.95
-do- Accum	90.02	92.82†	+0.11	6.36
Health Fund Inc	185.00	197.50	+2.20	.
-do- Accum	185.80	197.50	+2.30	...
Income & Growth	208.90	222.20	+1.10	3.60
-do- Accum	320.30	340.70	+1.50	3.63
Intl Growth	390.70	417.20	-0.80	...
-do- Accum	433.90	463.30	-0.90	...
Japan & Gen	174.20	185.70	-4.80	...
-do- Accum	176.80	187.60	-4.80	...
Monthly Inc	178.10	189.30	-1.00	3.81
Managed Port Inc	111.70	117.60	+0.20	2.04
-do- Accum	119.90	126.20	+0.10	2.04
Quarterly Income	53.89	57.72†	-0.18	4.47
-do- Accum	59.20	63.40	-0.21	4.49
Recovery	359.80	375.20	-2.30	0.19
-do- Accum	414.20	442.90	-2.70	0.10
UK Growth	59.55	62.98	+0.38	2.51
-do- Accum	62.47	68.75	+0.42	2.51
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealing 01705 891330 Enq 01705 881340				
FP American	51.28	54.48	+0.56	0.57
FP Am Smlr Cos	146.10	155.20	+4.80	...
FP Asian Growth	259.40	277.40	+0.30	...
FP Australian	344.70	369.80	+2.40	...
FP Equity Dist	409.00	435.10	-1.20	2.54
-do- Accum	876.00	931.90	-2.60	2.54
FP Euro Gth	231.50	246.20†	+1.90	0.34
-do- Accum	251.60	267.60†	+2.00	0.34
FP Intl Bond	58.93	62.36	+0.46	4.74
FP Intl Gth Dist	33.92	36.28	-0.13	0.45
-do- Accum	0.80	0.80	...	...
FP Pac Basin Acc	205.20	219.30	-1.20	...
FP Income	56.62	60.39	+0.28	4.61
-do- Accum	186.80	199.20	+1.00	4.61
FP Jap Smlr Cos	301.10	321.10	-4.00	...
FP Monthly Dist	71.89	76.72†	-0.27	5.49
FP Stg Deposit	100.20	100.20†	+0.10	6.25
FP Tokyo	78.91	84.17	-2.31	...
FP UK Focus	37.23	40.09†	-0.26	2.75
FP UK Growth	181.50	193.60	+0.30	2.74
-do- Accum	258.40	280.10	+0.50	2.74
Stewardship Dist	364.80	388.00	-2.20	1.91
-do- Accum	449.60	478.20	-3.60	1.91
Stewshp Inc Dist	74.26	79.63	-0.92	3.65
-do- Accum	98.80	105.10	-1.20	3.85
N Am Stshp Dist	110.50	117.50	+1.80	0.88
-do- Accum	118.00	125.50	+1.90	0.88
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	112.80	119.70	-0.90	1.11
Open Cap Gth Acc	117.60	125.10	-0.70	0.11
Cap Gth Inc Inc	108.60	115.50	-0.80	2.30
Cap Gth Inc Acc	112.40	119.50	-0.90	2.39
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic	113.80	121.00	-0.60	3.33
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac	118.20	125.70	-0.60	3.33
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0345 581 109/7				
GARDA	258.20	274.30	-0.60	2.25
Cash	49.70	50.44	+0.04	5.28
Growth Portfolio	79.85	84.64	-0.97	0.97
Income Portfolio	65.85	69.42	+0.24	4.44
GEM DOLPHIN INV MGRS LTD				
0171 238 6441				
Special Sits	209.80	223.50	-0.50	1.52
Dividend	92.42	98.85	+0.76	3.98
Intl Gth & Inc	232.70	248.90	+0.50	3.09
UK & Gen	47.23	50.51†	-0.38	1.73
Fund of Funds	67.34	72.02†	-0.01	...
GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0171 710 4567 Dealing 0171 626 9431				
Amer Spec Sits	206.90	221.30	-1.30	...
European	615.70	658.70	+0.20	0.29
Far East & Gen	256.20	274.00	-3.40	...
Germany	119.90	128.98†	...	...
Income Inc	164.10	175.68†	-0.60	4.47
-do- Accum	181.10	193.70	-0.90	4.47
International	340.90	364.60	-3.60	...
Intl Income	85.77	90.86	+0.25	3.36
Japan & General	421.30	448.40	-4.90	...
Korean Securities	72.70	77.75	+0.65	...
Smlr Cos Div Inc	46.44	49.67	-0.53	4.06
UK Capital Inc	176.80	189.10	-2.80	1.51
UK Capital Acc	311.70	333.40	-4.90	1.51
UK Spec Sits	90.63	97.15†	-0.94	1.33
US & General	160.30	170.30	-1.80	...
Wrldw Spec Sits	148.40	158.80	-1.80	...
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
0171 782 2000 Dlgs only: 01277 264 421				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	54.03	57.82	+0.25	1.92
Cash Trust	140.32	140.32	+0.12	6.18
Practical Inv Inc #	116.57	124.67†	-0.98	2.79
-do- Accum #	273.57	292.59†	+2.76	2.79
UK Index	162.33	163.15†	+0.40	3.02
UK Smaller Cos	144.06	154.07†	+1.30	0.51
Income Funds				
Extra Yield	34.04	34.91	-0.21	8.27
High Income	33.87	36.22	-0.11	5.27
UK Equity Income	146.27	156.44	-0.97	3.12
Global Bond	29.54	30.81†	+0.23	4.87
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	44.41	47.50	+0.13	...
Global Managed	137.93	145.86†	+0.15	1.52
Gold & Intl Res	103.93	110.19	-3.74	...
Global Utilities	139.37	148.77	+0.06	1.57
Overseas Funds				
American	168.89	180.06	+1.07	0.98
European	114.56	121.41	+1.94	1.01
Euro Sel Opps	171.31	181.56	+3.14	...
Amer Emerging	131.75	140.91	-0.08	...
Hong Kong	146.95	157.22	+1.61	1.86
Japan	231.26	245.44	-7.11	...
Pacific Growth	216.18	231.21	+0.17	0.10
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	231.90	231.90†	-0.46	2.08
Long Term Bal	251.85	251.85†	+0.31	3.18
Med Term Bal	210.45	210.45†	-0.82	3.27
UK Equity	265.71	265.71	-0.91	2.51
UK Emerging Cos	155.46	155.46	-0.92	1.97
American	272.16	272.16†	+0.86	1.30
Japan	119.61	119.61†	-3.32	...
European	298.64	298.64†	+4.99	1.03
Index Linked Gilt	175.39	175.39	-0.83	2.76
Fixed Interest	162.85	162.85	-0.95	6.60
Asian Emerging	321.79	321.79†	+2.40	...
Pacific	241.28	241.28	+0.69	0.68
Emerging Mkts	119.40	119.40	+0.12	0.95
Index Strat Japan	143.84	143.84	-4.47	0.22
-do- Pacific Rim	186.44	186.44	+0.12	1.38
-do- Cont Europe	165.08	165.08	+2.43	1.99
Index Strat USA	159.17	159.17	+1.66	1.59
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	109.29	114.26	-0.24	...
Med Term Bal	100.09	108.47	-0.42	...
Long Term Bal	111.65	118.79	-1.48	...
UK Equity	122.95	130.80	-0.45	...
UK Emerging Cos	72.87	77.53	-0.45	...
American	126.02	134.06	+0.38	...
Japan	57.30	60.95	-1.70	...
European	124.56	132.51	+2.17	...
Fixed Interest	82.78	88.06	+0.10	...
Index Linked Gilt	77.91	82.89	-0.39	...
Deposit	83.04	88.34	+0.08	...
Broker Unit Trusts				
BWH Intl	148.11	155.91†	-0.48	0.55
Brstll Gth Port Inc	65.73	69.37†	-1.65	0.60
-do- Inc Port Inc	59.10	62.37	-1.45	3.40
-do- Wrldw Port	56.71	59.85	-0.13	0.70
Shaw Utilities	65.75	69.39	-0.59	2.58
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT				
GAM Sterling Management 0171 493 9990				
Stg & Intl Inc	580.07	617.10	-4.25	2.25
-do- Accum	645.15	686.31	-4.73	2.25
European Inc	156.07	165.93	-0.21	1.31
Amalgatd Inc	151.61	166.68	+1.29	...
N America Inc	346.66	368.79	-0.49	0.71
Far East Inc	360.41	383.41	-6.06	...
-do- Accum	373.28	397.11	-6.25	...
UK Divid Inc	183.27	194.97	-5.23	3.28
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD				
0171 378 7979 Dealing: 0171 407 7888				
UK Equity Inc	98.08	104.29†	-0.07	4.57
UK Small Cos	55.47	59.32†	-0.50	0.94
British Growth	68.96	65.18	+1.17	2.73
American Gwth	215.90	230.90	+1.73	...
Japan Gwth	65.64	70.12	-1.07	...
Greater China	183.60	196.35	-0.37	0.41
Pacific Strategy	152.80	163.41	-1.80	0.17
European Gwth	93.65	99.79†	+0.14	0.74
Intl Growth	158.29	169.25	-0.22	...
US Index (€)	15.8445	16.6948	+0.24	4.66
FT-SE Mid 250 Ind	81.02	86.64	-1.83	2.34
Monthly Income	40.17	42.77†	+0.22	8.00
MIS Unit Trust Dealing: 071 865 0033				
Gvt UK Index (€)	12.7138	13.4220	-0.12	4.30
GRANVILLE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 488 1212				
Small Cos	98.29	104.56	+3.12	1.46
GUARDIAN UT MGRS LTD				
0171 538 6666				
European	518.90	552.20	+3.90	0.56
Gilt & Fixed	125.90	133.80	-6.30	5.67
Growth Equity	369.40	394.60	-2.40	1.59
Income Trust	143.50	153.30	-0.50	3.21
International	192.30	205.40†	...	0.13
Japan Trust	122.70	131.00	-2.40	...
Nth American	309.10	330.20	+2.80	...
Pacific	547.00	584.40	+1.40	0.10
Guardall	555.20	593.10	+2.30	1.60
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD				
0171 522 2129				
EMU Trust	104.81	107.95	+0.54	6.59
Global High Inc	100.58	104.42	-0.86	6.59
Corporate Bond	101.68	105.54†	-0.64	6.83
Eqty & Bond Inc	106.69	113.44†	-0.39	4.85
European Growth	112.29	119.40	-2.39	...
Intl PEP Trust	64.55	68.63	-0.51	...
Equity Inc	129.51	137.70	-0.12	3.78
-do- Accum	181.99	193.92	-0.16	3.78
Recovery	357.90	380.50†	-5.70	1.98
-do- Accum	419.40	445.80	-3.30	1.98
St Vinc High Inc	123.11	131.04†	-4.59	6.49
UK Emerg Cos	267.00	283.80	-5.06	2.01
UK Smlr Cos	360.30	386.60	-7.40	2.67
Stab Priv Tst	95.02	101.03†	+0.31	1.45
-do- Accum	96.32	103.05	+0.32	1.45
Inc Shares Tst	89.75	95.43	-0.66	7.80
HALIFAX UT MGMT LTD				
Dealing 0171 220 5050				
Growth	29.06	30.81	+0.07	1.98
Growth Acc	29.43	31.20	+0.07	1.92
Income	29.36	31.13†	+0.03	3.89
Income Acc	30.08	31.89	+0.02	3.89
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 380				
Model Pfolio	217.30	228.10†	-0.73	2.51
Smaller Cos	32.78	34.85	-0.51	1.52
HENDERSON TOUCHE REMNANT				
Enquiries: 01277 263 290 Dealing: 01277 234 772				
UK Funds				
Special Sits	323.21	356.53†	-0.28	1.43
Best of British	67.55	71.80	+0.19	2.77
UK Smaller Cos	135.69	145.86	-2.74	1.65
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth #	292.23	311.21	-0.74	3.61
-do- Accum #	798.55	850.42	-2.02	3.61
High Income	333.81	355.84	-1.27	4.17
Extra Income #	286.12	304.29†	-6.14	5.58
Pref & Bond	47.67	49.27	-0.02	8.50
International				
International	289.15	307.45†	-0.69	0.37
Global Bond	54.86	58.02†	+0.30	5.64
Intl Port Tst	88.96	95.14	-0.42	0.63
Global Tech	226.95	241.58	-0.19	...
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	179.73	192.20	-0.84	0.59
European	522.93	554.25	+7.83	0.75
European Income #	83.08	87.85	+1.02	2.03

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Euro Smlr Cos	162.21	174.05†	-1.55	0.54
Eur Sp Sits	77.28	82.48†	-0.25	1.02
-do- Accum	82.78	88.37	-0.26	1.02
Japan Trust	209.84	223.85	-0.23	...
Japan Special Sits	208.58	222.57†	-2.88	...
Pacific Smlr Cos	231.47	247.57†	-0.53	0.12
North American	264.39	280.88	+1.86	0.25
American Smaller	130.82	138.94†	+2.01	...
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS				
0181 686 4355				
British	106.73	113.85	+0.10	1.88
Capital	186.28	195.06	+0.24	1.43
Dollar	420.86	439.86	+3.56	...
Enterprise Gth	366.17	383.42†	-2.40	1.43
European	244.20	255.80	+4.30	0.47
Far East	311.99	326.59	-0.50	...
Financial	303.70	346.30†	+20.55	1.75
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	25.78	26.73	-0.24	7.08
High Yield	107.88	112.85	-0.07	3.79
Income & Growth	154.42	161.68	-0.29	3.05
International	272.39	285.22	-0.51	...
Japanese General	203.10	212.67	-6.44	...
Japan Tech	88.53	92.70	-2.51	...
Nat Resources	75.94	78.52†	-0.31	...
Portfolio	78.12	81.81†	-0.48	1.31
Smaller Cos	142.51	149.23†	+0.44	1.27
Special Sits	170.47	178.50†	-0.80	1.25
UK Emerging Cos	102.65	107.49†	-0.59	0.84
US Smaller Cos	115.07	120.49	+0.27	...
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Advisers: 0800 181 890 Investors: 0800 289 505				
UK Funds				
Balanced #	107.19	114.30†	-0.10	5.89
Capital	847.43	880.90†	+1.70	2.23
Income #	606.10	648.80	+1.60	5.17
Footsie Fund	59.22	59.52	+0.48	2.77
Tiller Index	114.60	122.30†	-0.08	2.85
UK Index	151.09	161.20	+0.50	2.87
International Funds				
American Growth	538.60	573.20	-0.90	0.37
American Index	238.70	253.49	+2.40	1.33
European Growth	120.70	128.49	+0.60	0.18
Eurotrack 100	173.50	184.49	+2.90	1.05
Global Bond	22.39	23.52	+0.15	5.26
Japan Growth	272.10	290.30†	-9.40	...
Japan Index	76.20	81.32	-2.55	0.26
Japan Smlr Cos	30.58	32.64	-0.15	...
Far Eastern Funds				
Asian	59.49	63.39	-0.81	0.19
Hong Kong Gwth	114.80	122.50	+1.30	1.39
Spore & Mlysn Gth	73.85	78.82	-1.51	...
Tiger Index	203.30	217.08†	+0.20	1.84
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0171 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	37.43	38.81	-0.54	1.07
General Funds				
Managed	79.00	82.12	+0.43	1.14
Robert Child Fnd	92.33	95.98	+0.11	2.28
UK Growth	64.86	67.42	-0.13	2.29
High Income Funds				
UK Extra Inc	83.26	88.57	-0.52	6.86
Gilt & Fixed Int	26.27	27.18†	-0.10	8.41
UK Inc & Gwth	43.61	45.33	+0.11	3.44
UK Income	349.50	363.30	-1.90	4.83
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	55.27	57.31†	+0.95	0.36
Amer Smlr Cos	128.70	133.80	+1.49	...
-do- Accum	130.30	135.29	+1.49	...
Europe Gth	181.59	188.90	+2.40	...
-do- Accum	188.09	195.69	+2.50	...
Euro Smaller Cos	33.24	34.55†	+0.26	...
French Growth	80.23	83.32	+2.07	0.27
-do- Accum	86.07	89.39	+2.23	0.27
H Kong & China	84.69	88.04	+0.99	1.33
Intl Growth	61.33	63.75	+0.22	0.54
-do- Accum	61.85	64.29	+0.22	0.54
Japan Gth	30.79	32.01	-1.14	...
-do- Accum	30.79	32.01	-1.14	...
Japan Smaller Cos	38.04	39.54†	-0.45	...
Glob Emg Mkts	94.85	98.60	-0.43	...
-do- Accum	95.52	99.29	-0.44	...
SE Asia	323.40	336.20	+1.60	0.83
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond	55.55	57.25†	+0.44	5.93
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD				
0171 581 3020				
World Health	186.00	197.50	+2.90	...
Income	182.31	193.94	+2.07	3.15
UK Growth	68.42	72.78	+0.13	0.48
International	81.44	86.63	-0.54	0.07
Ecology	90.16	95.91†	-0.45	1.12
European	138.95	147.81	+0.02	...
Far Eastern	295.50	314.30	-4.90	...
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealers 0171 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Bond Income	95.88	100.29	-0.78	7.68
Gilt Yield	115.70	121.58†	+0.50	7.00

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Global Income	217.90	231.80	+1.60	3.74
High Yield	143.72	152.99†	+1.16	5.85
-do- Accum	453.50	482.40†	+3.46	5.85
Smlr Cos Div	55.91	59.48	-0.33	2.84
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smlr Cos	112.70	119.90	+2.60	...
Asian Growth	325.20	346.00†	+0.48	0.24
-do- Accum	382.30	406.76†	+0.58	0.24
North American	90.07	95.82	+0.78	0.25
European Special	121.40	129.10	+0.80	0.10
European	161.30	171.60	+2.20	0.45
-do- Accum	212.50	226.20	+3.00	0.45
Global Eqty Inc	110.30	116.90†	+0.60	2.20
Japan	400.90	426.50	-12.90	...
Japanese Special	229.50	244.20	-2.80	...
Smaller Cos	122.23	127.98	-0.70	1.16
UK Equity Growth	42.87	45.61	+0.35	1.62
UK Index Inc	305.80	308.90	+2.08	3.72
Scotland Tst	98.18	105.70	...	2.84
-do- Accum	98.18	105.70	...	2.84
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT				
0171 407 5966				
Bridge Income	278.77	296.56	-1.63	5.19
Inc & Growth Inc	58.46	62.19	+0.34	4.39
Smaller Cos	64.86	69.00†	-0.13	1.48
LAURENTIAN UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Enq: 01452 371 500 Dlg: 01452 371 623				
Growth Trust	267.73	284.70	+0.20	1.89
High Income	111.90	118.00	+0.10	4.40
International	102.00	108.50	-0.49	0.55
Recovery Trust	72.08	77.31	-0.12	1.44
European Trust	80.65	85.79†	+0.47	0.89
Japanese Trust	40.55	43.13	-1.23	...
American Trust	98.77	105.08†	+0.80	...
Managed	71.09	74.56†	-0.28	0.86
Cash	51.05	51.05	+0.04	5.10
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01277 690 432				
UK Cap	402.90	427.50	-0.70	2.40
UK Inc/Gth	431.30	457.60	+0.40	3.05
UK Income	303.50	322.00	-0.10	3.73
UK Sml Cos	262.40	280.60	...	1.76
Euro Gwth	140.50	149.60	+1.80	...
N Amer Gwth	101.20	107.40	+0.90	0.22
Japan Growth	62.57	66.39	-1.90	...
Money Mkt	127.054	127.054	+0.30	6.000
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 355				
Equity Dist	519.00	552.10†	+1.60	2.61
-do- Accum	£10.47	£11.14†	+3.80	2.61
Equity Income #	102.40	108.90	-0.40	4.46
UK Tactical Allocn	81.37	85.17†	+0.81	4.12
European	126.20	134.30	+1.50	1.56
Far Eastern	216.30	230.10†	-3.18	...
Fixed Interest	51.80	54.88†	-0.29	7.38
Gilt	87.56	92.89†	+0.11	6.58
Global Growth	76.02	80.87	-0.53	0.57
Intl Bond	53.87	55.88	-0.44	4.94
Japanese	72.33	76.86	-2.19	...
North American	170.10	181.00	+0.90	0.71
Pacific Growth	109.70	115.60†	-0.50	0.34
UK Index	68.21	71.99†	+0.15	3.11
UK Recovery	102.00	108.50	+0.30	1.35
UK Smaller Cos	136.40	145.10	-1.15	1.38
US Index	71.46	75.42	+0.73	1.54
European Index	80.34	85.43	+1.20	2.12
Japan Index	39.30	41.48	-1.31	...
Worldwide	89.03	94.77	-0.16	1.55
LINCOLN NATIONAL				
0181 902 8876 Dealing: 0800 282 621				
Growth	53.78	56.88	+0.03	2.01
Income	61.56	65.85	+0.78	3.10
Far East	52.30	55.93	-0.70	...
North American	124.10	132.00†	-0.10	...
Global	103.30	110.50	+0.90	0.37
European	90.68	96.96	-3.12	0.74
Japan	100.80	107.60†	+7.20	...
Intl Currency Bd	60.27	63.92†	+0.27	4.32
SE Asia	180.40	197.40	+1.80	...
UK Cap Growth	96.36	103.70†	-0.50	7.54
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Helpdesk: 01634 834 339 Dealing: 01634 834 313				
Balanced	370.40	394.10	+2.20	2.67
-do- Accum	853.30	907.70	+5.30	2.67
Chars Euro Gth	68.15	71.74	+1.06	1.49
-do- Accum	72.85	76.60	+0.02	1.49
Extra Inc	273.30	290.80	-0.50	4.07
-do- Accum	723.00	769.20	-1.20	4.07
FTSE 100 Inc	108.80	115.80	+0.30	3.35
FTSE 100 Acc	110.80	117.90	+0.30	3.35
Europ Gth	132.00	140.00	-0.60	...
-do- Accum	139.50	148.90	-0.50	...
Growth Prt	583.80	621.10†	-3.00	0.12
-do- Accum	601.20	639.60	-3.00	0.12
High Income Inc	94.23	97.65	-0.51	7.85
High Income Acc	94.23	97.65	-0.51	7.85
NI Reserve Inc #	104.10	110.80	-0.70	6.78
NI Reserve Acc #	106.70	113.60	-0.70	6.78
Income	537.30	559.40	-8.10	3.85
-do- Accum	914.15	973.06	-15.80	3.85
Income Port	535.00	569.20	-1.70	4.51

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
-do- Accum	577.30	614.70	-1.30	4.51
Japan Growth	108.20	113.09	-2.80	...
-do- Accum	108.58	113.70	-2.20	...
Master Trust	61.11	65.02	-0.23	1.27
-do- Accum	69.42	73.86	-0.28	1.27
N American Gen	209.06	222.48	+0.90	0.68
-do- Accum	241.70	257.29	+1.00	0.68
NAm Sm Co Rec	162.30	172.70	+1.20	...
-do- Accum	165.80	176.20	+1.30	...
Pacific Basin	258.00	274.50	-2.70	0.39
-do- Accum	274.10	291.60	-2.90	0.39
Small Cos Rec	429.30	452.80	+11.90	1.50
-do- Accum	580.20	610.80	+16.00	1.50
UK Growth	92.33	98.23	-0.40	2.12
-do- Accum	113.70	121.89	-0.50	2.12
Worldwide Gth	329.80	350.98	-1.80	...
-do- Accum	486.40	517.50	-2.80	...
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT				
01392 282 873				
American	76.48	80.84	+0.38	0.40
General	99.47	103.50	-0.13	2.40
Income	68.38	73.34†	-0.38	5.28
International	67.61	72.75	-0.19	0.50
Japan	56.16	60.25	-1.31	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	70.39	75.52†	-0.57	1.30
M & G SECURITIES				
Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 01245 390 390				
Amer & General	446.40	474.20	+1.60	0.43
-do- Accum	559.80	592.80	+2.00	0.43
Amer Recovery	507.50	538.70	-1.30	0.41
-do- Accum	583.10	618.70	-1.50	0.41
Amer Smlr Cos	139.70	147.70	+0.10	...
-do- Accum	142.80	150.80	+0.10	...
Australasian	157.50	168.60	-1.30	2.44
-do- Accum	194.40	205.80	-1.80	2.44
Capital	890.20	950.90	-4.70	2.73
-do- Accum	1042.90	1102.80	-5.40	2.73
Charifund	734.70	742.10	-3.40	5.79
-do- Accum	3549.60	3576.00	-16.10	5.79
Commodity	402.60	426.80	-3.60	0.58
-do- Accum	594.40	628.80	-5.20	0.58
Compound Grth	1036.80	1096.40	-1.20	2.85
-do- Accum	1101.60	1165.80	-1.20	2.85
Dividend	43.70	46.20	-0.39	4.25
-do- Accum	186.90	198.80	-1.30	4.25
Equity Income	353.00	373.50	-4.50	4.77
-do- Accum	468.40	495.40	-6.00	4.77
Euro & General	537.40	568.30	-1.20	1.24
-do- Accum	684.90	724.90	-1.60	1.24
Euro Dividend	73.50	77.70	-0.40	3.94
-do- Accum	90.60	95.80	-0.50	3.94
Extra Yield	437.10	462.20†	-1.40	4.87
-do- Accum	1415.80	1496.90†	-4.60	4.87
Far Eastern	349.00	369.00	-3.80	0.60
-do- Accum	464.20	490.90	-4.90	0.60
Fund of Inv Tsts	645.30	682.40	-5.50	1.86
-do- Accum	1217.60	1287.50	-10.40	1.86
General	64.90	68.60	-0.60	3.83
-do- Accum	185.00	195.60	-1.80	3.83
Gilt Income	59.51	59.59	-0.30	7.40
-do- Accum	170.28	170.52	-0.83	7.40
Gold	67.40	71.30	-0.20	0.86
-do- Accum	79.90	84.60	-0.20	0.86
High Income	31.10	32.90	-0.10	4.50
-do- Accum	127.50	135.00	-0.60	4.59
Intl Growth	81.10	85.80	-0.30	0.89
-do- Accum	142.50	150.80	-0.50	0.89
International Inc	102.00	107.90†	-3.06	4.15
-do- Accum	157.70	169.90†	-6.10	4.15
Japan & Gen	40.50	42.80	-0.80	...
-do- Accum	43.50	45.90	-0.90	...
Japan Smlr Cos	143.00	151.20	-1.90	...
-do- Accum	144.00	152.30	-1.90	...
Managed Gwth	25.10	26.50	-0.20	1.74
Managed Income	28.60	30.20†	-0.10	4.10
Midland	63.40	67.00	-1.20	3.20
-do- Accum	214.30	226.60	-3.90	3.20
Pension Ex	1014.50	1069.90	-1.60	4.17
Recovery	45.40	48.00	...	2.54
-do- Accum	75.70	80.00	...	2.54
Second General	74.40	78.70	-0.70	3.58
-do- Accum	195.80	209.90	-1.90	3.58
Smaller Cos	71.70	75.80	-0.30	3.10
-do- Accum	144.60	153.80	-0.60	3.10
Sterling Hi Int	24.37	24.47†	-0.13	8.12
Treasury	25.13	25.17†	+0.02	8.26
Trustee	43.50	46.00	-0.30	4.36
-do- Accum	177.90	188.50	-1.30	4.36
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 01277 261 610 Enq: 01903 204 631				
European Growth	86.32	91.82†	+0.93	1.41
Intl Bond	66.02	69.40	+0.65	5.57
Intl Equity Growth	77.83	82.43	-0.23	0.67
N Amer Growth	113.33	120.46†	+1.12	0.98
Special Sits Growth	23.51	25.01†	-0.01	2.28
UK Growth	406.26	432.21†	-0.13	2.77
-do- Accum	544.11	578.84	-0.18	2.77
MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD				
01620 825867				
Balanced Fd #	1408.00	1434.10	+0.50	3.90
Income #	1013.00	1027.90	-3.70	4.20
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 222 4242				
Maldon General	151.60	155.50	...	3.90

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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD				
01244 680 066				
M & S Inv Pfolio	164.40	173.00	+0.70	2.11
-do- Accum	197.30	207.30	+0.90	2.11
UK Sel Pfolio	144.10	151.70	+0.60	2.44
-do- Accum	169.60	178.50	+0.70	2.44
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD				
01204 364 842				
Managed Tst	69.84	74.30†	+0.53	3.67
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0131 479 4646				
Intl Income	75.67	80.53†	-0.47	4.16
European	89.22	94.71	-0.33	1.20
Income #	78.08	82.09	-0.43	4.89
Nth American	75.42	80.06	+0.72	0.58
Far East	168.50	178.80	-0.20	0.10
Japan	57.39	60.92	-1.40	...
Emerging Mkts	86.08	92.07	-0.06	0.02
Intl Growth	115.60	122.70†	-0.30	0.82
UK Growth	105.90	112.40	+0.20	1.84
UK Smlr Co	51.32	54.48	-0.18	1.35
Asian Opps Fd	37.37	39.97	+0.08	0.08
Glob Gwth PEP	54.37	57.71†	+0.03	0.48
MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Income	439.84	467.91†	+1.57	3.29
Global Inc	70.64	75.15†	-0.12	3.72
Brit Lenders	376.17	400.18†	+3.72	1.75
Intl Lenders	207.99	221.27†	+1.36	1.83
PAM Mg Bal Grth	68.43	69.02†	-0.17	0.75
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 0171 280 2800				
American	227.80	241.09	+1.10	...
-do- Accum	243.20	257.60	+1.20	...
American Opps	108.30	116.80†	...	...
-do- Accum	110.69	118.08†	-0.10	...
British Blue Chip	89.24	93.52†	+0.70	2.65
-do- Accum	107.90	114.50†	+0.80	2.65
Cash	101.10	101.10	...	5.44
-do- Accum *	142.00	142.00	+0.10	5.44
Emerging Mkts	106.40	114.40	+0.40	0.12
-do- Accum	107.10	115.20	+0.50	0.12
European Growth	264.60	281.70	-1.00	0.16
-do- Accum	287.10	305.60	-1.30	0.16
European Income	86.07	91.36	+0.71	3.14
-do- Accum	119.50	126.90	+0.80	3.14
General	543.90	578.80†	-4.10	2.14
-do- Accum	1083.00	1153.00†	-8.00	2.14
Global Bond	126.50	135.00†	+0.50	5.45
-do- Accum	162.00	170.20†	+0.60	5.45
Gold & General	211.90	227.40	-0.90	0.40
-do- Accum	218.50	234.80	-0.90	0.40
Govt Securities	92.09	94.94	-0.10	8.18
-do- Accum	483.60	498.30	-0.20	8.18
High Yield Bd	98.66	102.10	-0.70	7.18
-do- Accum	98.66	102.10	-0.70	7.18
Income	165.60	176.10	-1.00	4.03
-do- Accum	265.57	281.70	-1.60	4.03
Inc Portfolio #	102.80	108.70†	-0.30	4.83
-do- Accum #	107.20	113.60†	-0.40	4.83
Intl Opps	488.20	520.80	-3.10	0.17
-do- Accum	654.00	697.60	-4.30	0.17
Japan	166.00	176.10	-3.70	...
-do- Accum	170.40	180.90	-3.70	...
New Europe	195.00	208.00	-2.20	0.97
-do- Accum	201.00	214.40	-2.40	0.97
Pacific	111.20	120.70	...	0.85
-do- Accum	121.50	129.60	...	0.85
Recovery	326.40	351.40	+1.40	0.74
-do- Accum	423.80	452.00	+1.80	0.74
UK Smaller Cos	59.03	62.57†	+1.40	0.82
-do- Accum	87.41	91.90†	+1.80	0.82
Portfolio	85.60	90.88†	+0.23	2.54
-do- Accum	183.19	189.49†	+0.49	2.54
Managed Gth	106.00	110.90	-0.30	1.71
Managed Inc	110.00	114.20	+0.28	3.94
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD				
01707 662 233				
Eurogrowth Plus	125.62	133.80	-0.07	0.18
Portfolio	71.39	75.91	-0.16	1.58
UK Income Inc	81.55	87.18	-0.72	4.59
MIDLAND UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0345 456 123 Dlg: 0345 456 126				
Balanced	63.05	66.02†	-0.01	2.52
-do- Accum	68.53	71.54†	-0.02	2.52
British Tst	94.19	98.63	+0.28	1.92
-do- Accum	110.50	115.70	+0.40	1.92
Euro High Inc	68.29	71.51†	-0.43	6.69
-do- Accum	137.58	144.30†	-1.00	6.69
FT-SE 100 Acc	51.08	53.87	+0.45	2.59
FT-SE 100 Dist	59.16	61.95	+0.43	2.59
Gilt & Fxd Int	56.62	58.84†	+0.01	7.29
-do- Accum	164.50	171.29†	...	7.29
High Yield	229.40	240.29	-0.40	5.80
-do- Accum	583.60	617.57	-1.10	5.80
Income	299.78	313.80	-0.40	3.87
-do- Accum	674.00	705.70	-1.00	3.87
Money Market UT	48.82	48.82	+0.03	5.50
-do- Accum	79.63	79.63	+0.05	5.52
Monthly Income	88.27	92.43†	-0.28	4.86
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	115.40	122.90	+0.40	1.60
European Growth	109.30	115.90	-0.90	0.02
Gilt & Fixed	90.46	96.00	+0.03	5.78
Income	91.70	97.55	-0.13	2.62

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Japan Growth	49.21	52.16	-0.73	...
Managed	74.81	78.73	-0.75	2.23
Money Market	93.91	95.38	+0.07	4.22
North American	99.19	105.10	-0.48	0.43
Midland PSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	104.70	111.40	+0.30	1.59
European Growth	102.70	108.90	-0.80	0.01
Gilt & Fixed Int	83.84	91.10	+0.02	5.77
Income	89.95	95.60	-0.13	2.48
Japan Growth	48.89	51.93	-0.72	...
Managed	70.75	75.27	-0.78	2.21
Money Market	82.97	87.95	+0.07	4.18
North American	89.73	95.12	-0.85	0.51
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	104.50	111.20	+0.40	1.58
European Growth	100.30	106.70	-0.90	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	78.18	84.02	...	3.87
Income	88.47	94.12	-0.14	2.72
Japan Growth	50.10	53.10	-0.74	...
Managed	74.19	78.98	+0.71	2.30
Money Market	77.90	82.80	+0.08	4.24
North American	100.38	106.39	-0.40	0.39
MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
International (USS)	14.50	15.43	-0.05	...
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD				
Dealers: 0171 826 0826 Enquiries: 0171 826 0123				
American Gwth	410.60	436.80	+3.50	...
European Gth Inc	580.40	622.10	+0.60	...
-do- Accum	585.70	628.50	+0.70	...
Intl Gwth	208.90	222.30	-0.09	...
UK Equity Inc	203.45	216.58†	-0.50	2.97
UK Eq Inc Trckr Inc	174.40	186.40	-0.10	2.88
-do- Accum	209.80	224.30	-0.10	2.88
US Eq Ind Trk Inc	235.70	249.68†	+2.06	1.66
Japan Tracker	72.05	76.28	-2.16	...
Asian Tracker	211.20	228.39†	-1.10	0.28
Managed Inc	187.27	199.60	-0.70	2.13
Deposit Inc	89.82	89.82†	+0.24	6.27
Europe	233.20	252.80	-1.10	...
Growth	176.00	191.10	-0.80	1.66
High Income	21.35	22.82†	-0.08	10.00
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT				
0345 090 833				
Acumen	103.30	102.49†	-0.60	2.59
Acumen Inc	92.74	94.79†	-0.55	2.50
Acumen Reserve	87.55	88.43†	-0.48	7.92
-do- Inc	71.75	72.47†	-0.39	7.92
American Growth	170.39	181.80	+1.59	...
Cash Income	49.94	49.94†	+0.05	5.97
Equity Income #	98.11	101.70†	-0.60	4.79
European	74.85	79.59†	+0.50	0.49
Smaller Cos	85.49	89.68	-0.21	1.21
W'wide Eqty	67.79	69.46	-0.56	0.44
Global Bond	45.28	46.79	+0.10	6.54
UK Growth	101.60	104.30	-0.60	2.13
Pacific Growth	109.50	113.60	-1.00	0.34
Japan Growth	88.79	100.49	-2.80	...
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Avon Equity	132.15	140.59	+0.98	2.66
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
0161 237 5322				
UK Growth	79.28	84.34	+0.78	2.14
UK Income	116.67	124.86	+1.11	3.65
Higher Income	220.89	234.76	-0.79	5.23
Smaller Cos	89.57	95.29†	-0.75	1.85
International	101.30	107.96	-0.74	1.56
NPI INVESTMENT MGRS				
0171 623 4200				
American Dist	117.20	124.70	+0.50	0.20
European Dist	127.70	135.80	+2.10	...
Far East Dist	184.60	196.60	-2.10	...
Global Care Dist	79.05	84.10	+0.27	0.60
Oseas Dist	1081.40	1150.40†	+0.20	0.09
-do- Accum	1407.50	1497.50	+0.30	0.09
UK Dist	381.00	405.30	...	2.39
-do- Accum	756.10	804.40	-0.10	2.39
UK Extra Inc Dist	84.99	90.42	-0.05	3.38
Wrldw Inc	112.30	119.50†	+0.10	0.40
Wrldw Inc Dist	76.47	81.35†	+0.58	2.28
NATIONAL WESTMINSTER UT MGRS				
Dlg: 01277 690 280 Admin Enq: 01277 690 398				
Europe Inc	68.72	72.53	+0.60	1.10
Fund of Funds Inc	62.72	66.20	...	2.27
North America Inc	62.67	62.98	-0.27	...
UK Equity Gwth Inc	63.50	67.02	+0.02	2.57
-do- Accum	66.71	70.41	+0.02	2.57
UK General Inc	62.65	65.49†	+0.08	2.81
UK Gilt/Fxd Int Inc	46.58	49.09†	+0.04	7.36
UK Income Inc	61.37	64.77	+0.02	3.47
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 0500 550 000 Dealing: 0500 440 000				
American Tst	41.09	43.71†	+0.54	2.91
-do- Accum	41.41	44.05†	+0.54	2.88
Bond	121.28	128.70	+1.28	5.85
Bridge Fund	91.15	97.00†	...	2.89
Cash Income	50.91	50.91	+0.03	3.87
-do- Accum	68.73	68.73	+0.03	3.87
Distributor	98.11	104.37†	+0.28	3.32
European	48.93	49.89	+0.74	...
Foundation	101.50	107.98†	+0.48	2.34
General	202.51	215.57	-0.15	1.82
Global	337.84	359.19†	+0.15	0.58
Growth	133.13	141.63†	-0.63	2.57
Higher Income Inc	30.19	32.09†	+0.48	3.87
-do- Accum	35.18	37.43†	+0.56	3.87
Income	248.59	264.45†	...	3.23
Intnpfd	128.85	134.81†	-0.68	2.02
Japan	25.17	26.78	-0.65	...
Managed Tst Inc	91.54	95.12	+0.19	2.12
-do- Accum	94.94	98.75	+0.20	2.12
Oriental Inc	145.38	154.69	-0.65	0.23
-do- Accum	150.02	159.88	-0.38	0.23
Pers Ins Gwth	31.90	33.93	-0.02	0.43
Formerly Capital House				
Property Shares	34.41	36.89	+0.02	0.82
Royal Scottish Assurance				
Cap Hse Global Inc	79.89	85.44	+0.19	1.61
NORTHERN ROCK UNIT TRUST LTD				
0191 285 2555				
Managed	102.80	108.80	-1.80	2.86
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS				
01603 682 234				
Master Trust	130.23	137.08†	-0.30	1.37
UK Equity	149.92	157.81†	-0.34	3.07
UK Equity Income	141.76	149.24	-0.38	3.29
UK Smaller Cos	125.85	132.28	-1.12	1.02
UK Equity Growth	140.85	148.37†	-0.88	2.16
UK Index Trckg	153.54	161.62†	+1.65	3.45
Intl Index Trckg	154.74	162.89†	-0.18	1.19
International	253.27	266.60	+0.17	0.47
European	219.00	230.63	+2.89	0.21
Pan European	147.45	155.21	+1.55	1.33
Nth American	201.76	212.38	+2.89	0.17
N Amer Smlr Cos	219.11	230.64	+2.80	...
Japanese	90.86	94.80	-2.31	...
Pacific	233.15	245.48	-1.58	0.60
South East Asian	262.87	276.70†	+0.29	0.60
Intl Bond	138.42	145.13	+0.91	4.43
Gilt & Convertible	105.17	110.70	+0.12	5.25
Property	78.59	83.15	-0.07	6.86
OLD MUTUAL FUND MGRS LTD				
01256 768 888				
European Inc	262.00	281.70	-1.50	0.42
-do- Accum	277.30	298.20	-2.00	0.42
Japan Inc	189.30	189.80†	-2.80	...
Nth American Inc	117.50	125.60	+1.60	0.30
Worldwide Inc	165.80	176.10†	-1.40	0.38
Hong Kong Inc	149.70	160.80	+1.30	1.50
Swiss Equities Inc	81.86	87.48	+0.77	0.11
Wrldw Bond Inc	83.63	87.70†	+0.39	5.24
Emging Asia Inc	212.80	231.30	-2.18	0.14
-do- Accum	223.70	232.20	-2.19	0.14
UK Money Mkt Inc	59.47	59.47	+0.04	6.34
Thailand Inc	170.00	183.00	-0.18	1.24
Gold Trust Inc	74.67	81.56	-0.80	0.15
New Zealand Inc	93.05	100.98†	+1.08	1.89
Intl Mngd PEP Inc	65.43	70.20	-0.30	1.46
Latin Am Cap Inc	57.61	62.55	+0.24	0.31
UK All Sh Mkr Inc	84.26	89.84	+0.18	2.49
Broker Unit Trusts				
Global Traders	81.81	87.39	-0.18	...
Global Portfolio	73.91	78.65	-0.20	...
Global Opps	66.97	71.83	-0.46	...
Meale Global Grth	85.30	88.25	-0.22	...
AAM Global Equity	35.17	38.47	-0.77	2.73
CAM Bal Grth Inc	100.79	107.59	-0.19	...
Temple Equity Inc	45.82	48.65	-0.69	2.25
Hedley Growth	89.47	95.18	-0.32	...
Intl Growth Inc	89.29	95.59†	+0.17	1.00
IPS Portfolio Inc	87.66	93.75	-0.39	...
St Jms Mkt Inc Inc	47.39	49.23	...	...
Proctor Partners Inc	67.51	72.29	+0.04	1.81
Rathbone Smd Gth	74.88	79.87	-0.81	0.47
Rock Analysis	112.00	119.10†	-2.00	...
Rowbury Growth	52.40	55.47	+0.02	0.57
International Strat	80.55	85.15	-0.08	...
UFC Intl-Act Gth	57.36	62.11	-0.70	...
Crossdale Trust	33.51	35.39	-0.29	...
Frme Equity Inc	111.80	121.90	-0.68	...
Lowes Intl Growth	48.82	51.39	-0.71	...
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Dlg: 0800 828 577 Enq: 01733 470 470				
Equity	259.40	274.00	-1.10	2.86
-do- Accum	552.48	587.69	-2.40	2.83
Growth	167.06	176.12	-0.20	2.61
Income	259.69	269.50†	-0.70	3.86
Intl Equity	261.29	281.28†	-1.40	0.77
-do- Accum	294.39	301.29	-1.20	0.77
UK Income	69.86	74.35	-0.18	3.17
UK Intl 25	86.85	91.17	-0.41	2.87
New Europe	86.58	92.10	+0.25	0.85
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT				
01491 417 000				
Intl Growth Inc	634.22	676.32†	+4.18	0.86
-do- Accum	635.60	680.11	+4.18	0.86
Income	401.50	429.20†	+0.50	3.17
Worldwide Recovery	418.02	445.85	+3.01	0.50
Amer Growth Inc	231.44	269.92	+3.94	0.01
-do- Accum	251.44	269.92	+3.94	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	253.79	271.44	-1.65	0.14
Far Eastn Gth Inc	288.44	308.59	-1.38	0.42
-do- Accum	288.44	308.59	-1.39	0.42
Euro Gth Inc	163.79	175.18	+1.45	0.20
-do- Accum	164.20	175.62	+1.45	0.20
UK Growth Inc	183.35	196.54	+1.43	2.75
-do- Accum	188.73	198.29	+1.50	2.75
High Income	106.37	113.77	+1.24	3.94
Jap Gwth Inc	205.21	219.55	-4.33	0.01
-do- Accum	205.21	219.55	-4.33	0.01
PEP Growth	126.66	135.13	+1.33	0.92
Asian Sh Mkts Inc	129.48	138.40	-0.21	0.33
-do- Accum	129.48	138.48	-0.21	0.33
Amer Smlr Co Inc	162.30	173.59	+3.68	0.01
-do- Accum	162.30	173.59	+3.68	0.01
Global Bond	55.84	59.03†	+0.38	5.51
UK Smlr Cos Inc	90.75	97.06	-0.62	1.71
-do- Accum	95.46	102.12	-0.66	1.71
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0181 201 3827				
American	114.30	121.60	+0.15	...
European	79.84	84.94	-0.47	...
Global	84.88	90.82	-0.17	...
Pacific	59.14	62.92†	-0.25	...
UK Inc & Gth	69.64	74.08†	-0.66	2.74
PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0171 638 0808 Dlg: 01277 690 430				
Fund of Funds	175.26	186.46	-0.75	0.84
Emerg Mkts	47.39	50.15	+0.87	1.04
High Income #	52.38	55.43†	-0.45	5.86
PREMIUM LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01444 458 721				
Monthly Income	68.45	72.55	-0.20	2.79
Growth Income	71.29	76.88	+0.23	2.30
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
01732 740 700				
Principal Tst	154.10	163.94	+1.97	1.90
PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 0171 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 282 448				
American Income	160.80	168.65	+0.39	3.62
Conv & Gilt	111.39	118.60	-0.99	5.06
European Income	77.50	82.45	+1.00	2.90
Extra Income	164.70	175.28†	+0.38	5.02
-do- Accum	282.30	299.50	+0.49	5.02
Far East	389.50	415.49†	-1.00	0.20
-do- Accum	399.30	424.80	-1.07	0.20
Global Income	38.91	39.61	+0.07	4.32
High Income	122.80	130.60	+0.48	3.23
-do- Accum	155.20	165.10	+0.59	3.23
International	201.30	214.20†	-0.80	0.25
-do- Accum	383.20	405.80	-0.80	0.25
Pref & Fxd Int	43.31	46.08	-0.29	7.82
Recovery	76.57	81.46	-1.85	2.00

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Special Sits	123.90	131.20	+1.10	1.76
-do- Accum	134.50	142.90	+1.30	1.76
Technology	580.60	617.80	-7.50	...
UK Blue Chip	73.95	80.60	-0.46	2.51
-do- Accum	80.68	82.21	-0.54	2.51
PROVIDENT MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD				
0171 588 3903				
Equity Gth	214.80	228.60	-0.30	1.34
European Gth	109.16	115.90	+0.30	0.95
Income & Gth #	146.90	158.30†	-0.80	3.17
Japan Gth	112.90	119.70	-2.20	...
Nth Amer Gth	173.40	184.50	+0.90	0.09
Overseas Gth	105.90	112.00	+0.10	...
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0181 478 3377 Client Enq: 0171 911 4400				
Managed Tst	41.09	42.57	+0.46	1.76
Cash House Inc	101.57	102.07	+0.08	5.68
Cash House Acc	114.29	114.83	+0.10	5.68
Dist Trust Inc	100.11	103.74†	-2.32	6.45
Dist Trust Acc	107.70	111.60†	-0.31	6.45
Global Growth	95.84	101.95	+0.38	1.47
Equity Inc	88.58	92.70	-0.16	3.13
Equity	796.52	847.38†	-5.62	2.25
European	231.46	238.79	+2.97	0.78
High Income	89.54	95.31†	-0.37	5.03
Intl Gilts	200.31	213.09†	+1.57	6.90
Intl Sm Co	85.69	91.15†	+0.26	0.46
Japanese	200.27	213.75†	-4.21	...
Nth Amer	203.84	211.02	+3.87	1.17
Pacific Mkts	112.50	118.58	+0.48	0.55
Premier Inc	47.38	49.31†	-0.08	6.91
Sm Cos	100.92	107.36	-0.57	1.42
Spec Sits	118.46	126.04	+1.32	2.57
UK Growth	134.84	143.58	+0.41	2.17
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD				
01892 510 033				
British Life	318.60	338.30†	-0.70	3.11
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT				
Dealers: 0171 623 1000				
FA America (Inc)	601.94	638.83	+6.68	0.31
FA America (Acc)	702.91	747.11	+7.89	0.31
FA UK Equity Inc	170.23	181.34	+0.06	3.41
FA Japan	238.70	254.12	-7.46	...
FA Major UK Cos	164.16	170.96	-0.94	2.21
FA Smlr UK Cos	322.62	350.88†	-2.95	1.34
FA European	354.85	377.42	+1.91	0.22
FA Amer Smlr Cos	53.95	57.81	+0.15	0.05
FA Asia	50.58	54.87	-0.14	0.05
FA Jap Smlr Cos	42.65	44.96	-0.81	...
RAM Personal Pension				
UK Major Cos	107.81	113.48	-0.24	...
UK Smlr Cos	94.15	99.10	-0.82	...
UK Income	105.68	111.23	+0.04	...
America	120.97	127.33	+1.33	...
Japanese	52.71	55.48	-1.63	...
European	114.41	120.42	+0.31	...
Gilt	91.85	96.69	-0.49	...
Deposit	85.45	90.59	+0.06	...
Managed	106.57	112.17	-0.48	...
RAM FSAVC Scheme				
UK Major Cos	104.87	110.38	-0.35	...
UK Smaller Cos	91.65	96.69	-0.81	...
UK Income	102.99	108.40	+0.03	...
America	117.62	123.80	+1.29	...
Japanese	51.23	53.94	-1.59	...
European	111.35	117.20	+0.30	...
Gilt	90.78	95.55	-0.38	...
Deposit	82.52	86.86	+0.09	...
Managed	99.78	104.97	-0.96	...
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD				
Prices: 01733 282 856 Gen Enq: 01733 390 000				
United States	97.96	104.30†	+1.36	0.19
Pacific Basin	73.68	80.75†	-0.51	...
High Inc Dist	144.00	154.00	-0.50	4.24
Rytl Life Intl Curr	58.27	62.80†	-0.29	4.10
Rytl Life Intl Gwth	70.65	75.53	+0.05	...
Rytl Life Intl Spec	68.63	71.02	-0.17	...
UK Emerging Cos	138.00	147.86	-0.80	1.05
UK Index Trckg	178.00	189.60	-3.40	3.21
European	144.89	155.40	+0.28	...
Managed	161.20	173.30	-0.30	0.66
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01206 764 400				
American Growth	163.70	174.10	+1.60	1.91
European Growth	121.30	128.70	-0.30	2.19
Far East Growth	139.60	149.90	-0.70	2.17
Japan Growth	127.50	135.90†	-1.40	...
Special Sits	224.10	238.40†	-0.80	1.78
UK Growth	86.07	91.58	-1.11	2.28
Triton General	255.90	272.30†	-0.80	1.25
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD				
0141 307 6600				
Far East Inc	161.10	170.50	-1.20	0.21
Gr Euro Prog Inc	353.90	374.50	-1.20	0.21
-do- Accum	559.30	592.20	-1.60	0.21
Growth Inc	144.20	152.60	+0.10	0.27
-do- Accum	147.80	156.40	+0.10	0.27
International Inc	365.70	388.00	-0.40	0.37
-do- Accum	505.60	584.90	-0.40	0.37
Nth Am & Intl Inc	384.80	406.90	+11.40	1.01
UK Gen Prog Inc	239.30	252.10	-1.40	1.65
-do- Accum	269.10	284.80	-1.50	1.65
UK High Inc Inc	140.20	148.40	...	3.72
SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD				
0171 330 0572				
American Gwth	74.16	78.88	+0.89	...
Asian Gwth	114.11	121.38	+0.08	0.75
European Gwth	76.11	80.95	+0.71	1.09
Global Bd	68.00	72.45†	+0.46	5.09
Global Eq	61.72	65.66	+0.08	0.60
Japan Sm Cos	56.65	60.26	-1.25	...
UK Gwth	72.53	76.84	+0.86	3.50
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP				
01708 766 966				
Amer Inc & Gwth #	80.48	85.62	+0.29	3.38
Amer Smlr Cos	133.68	142.60	+1.20	...
Asian Smaller Cos	43.30	46.05	-0.11	...
Capital Portfolio	134.90	143.58	-0.60	3.80
Cash	129.70	129.70†	+0.10	6.00
China Dragon	80.54	84.49	-0.25	1.46
Commodity	125.50	133.60	-2.70	...
Eastern Discovery	98.95	105.90	-1.30	...
Emerging Mkts	38.30	40.74	-0.04	...
Energy Inds	129.98	138.20	-1.40	0.75
European Gwth	201.60	214.70	-0.60	0.16
Euro Inc & Gwth #	82.02	87.26	-0.09	1.93
Euro Smlr Cos	59.73	63.54	+0.24	0.06
Extra Income #	53.72	56.93	-0.37	5.63
Financial Secs	242.90	258.20	+4.80	1.20
Gilt & Fixd Int Inc #	47.55	50.19†	-0.38	8.86
Gold & Exploration	83.65	88.35	-1.47	...
High Return #	242.30	257.80	+0.70	3.86
High Yield #	241.80	257.20†	+0.70	3.59
Income #	125.20	133.20	+0.40	4.22
Intl Bond	167.70	177.10†	+0.80	5.58
ITU	218.60	232.60†	-2.10	1.84
Japan Growth	166.00	176.60†	-3.70	...
Japan Smaller	166.80	176.60	-1.70	...
Korea	69.42	73.85	+0.94	...
Managed	58.46	62.21	-0.10	1.78
Scotbits	365.30	388.60	+0.70	1.93
Scotshares #	321.60	342.10	+1.00	2.19
Scotyields #	257.40	273.80†	...	3.23
Select Intl	179.70	193.00†	-0.70	0.15
Smaller Cos Inc #	258.30	272.70†	-1.30	1.25
SE Asia	52.47	55.78	-0.52	0.84
Special Situation	140.70	149.70	-0.30	1.50
UK Equity #	268.30	285.40	-1.40	2.44
UK Growth	71.82	76.51	-0.30	1.63
UK & O'seas	178.60	190.20	-0.80	1.13
UK Smlr Cos Gwth	60.48	63.72	-0.17	2.33
US Growth	175.90	186.80	+1.80	0.14
Univ Growth	145.10	154.40	-0.80	0.41
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Clnt: 0800 526 535 Bdr: 0800 526 540				
Retail Funds				
American	299.13	318.21	+2.34	0.84
-do- Accum	312.80	336.60	+2.67	0.84
European Gwth	81.94	86.99	+1.75	0.85
Euro Smlr Cos	86.86	94.55	+0.49	0.49
Far Eastern Gth	181.55	193.31	-2.46	...
-do- Accum	188.38	210.27	-2.49	...
Gilt & Fixed Int #	50.39	53.13†	+0.18	7.94
Global Bond #	50.80	53.82	+0.45	6.98
-do- Accum #	58.57	60.54	+0.51	6.98
Global Emer Mkts	52.57	56.07†	+0.82	...
-do- Accum	52.62	56.13†	+0.33	...
Income #	375.32	400.34†	+5.73	4.98
-do- Accum #	1122.20	1213.05†	+18.65	4.98
Japan Smlr Cos	433.21	462.09	-5.20	...
-do- Accum	434.00	463.01	-5.31	...
Japan Enterprise	67.88	72.31†	-1.45	...
Pacific Gwth	138.05	146.81	+0.49	0.36
-do- Accum	145.53	153.10	+0.51	0.36
Portfolio	87.05	92.85	+0.57	1.94
-do- Accum	95.16	101.52	+0.58	1.94
Seoul	55.22	58.76	+1.01	...
-do- Accum	55.22	58.76	+1.01	...
Smaller Cos	244.12	260.40	-1.82	1.29
Tokyo	118.52	127.27†	-2.21	...
-do- Accum	126.59	134.58†	-2.22	...
UK Enterprise	298.57	318.47	+4.00	1.90
-do- Accum	360.81	384.89	+4.55	1.90
UK Equity	287.49	306.82	+2.00	2.75
-do- Accum	526.86	561.91	+4.11	2.75
US Smlr Cos	197.53	210.16	+1.91	...
-do- Accum	54.54	58.93	+0.59	0.50
Institutional Funds				
European	254.63	269.72	+3.32	1.37
-do- Accum	283.33	300.63	+3.72	1.37
Euro Smlr Cos	31.08	32.96	-0.12	1.45
-do- Accum	33.04	34.47	-0.13	1.45
Global Equity Inc	80.27	85.57	-0.46	1.82
Japan Smlr Cos	35.09	37.17	-0.16	0.19
-do- Accum	35.39	37.49	-0.17	0.19
Mngd Balanced	205.41	215.01	+1.89	2.80
-do- Accum	236.98	245.48	+2.24	2.80
Overseas Equity	202.67	211.11	+0.16	1.08
-do- Accum	210.55	219.32	+0.16	1.08
Overs Smlr Cos	129.12	134.59†	-0.86	0.93
-do- Accum	135.98	141.60	-0.71	0.93
Pacific	257.40	268.12	-0.23	1.41
-do- Accum	261.59	288.32	-0.24	1.41
Recovery	222.92	232.17	+1.38	2.98
-do- Accum	221.03	222.74	+1.71	2.98
UK Index	176.75	177.85	+0.66	3.36
-do- Accum	210.78	219.56	+0.89	3.36
UK Small Cos	122.92	128.04	-0.30	2.87
-do- Accum	183.92	189.82	-0.54	2.87
US Smlr Cos	55.52	57.83	+0.57	0.58
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD				
0141 204 2200				
Equity Income	55.31	59.49	+0.59	2.78
Equity Trust	68.10	72.02	-0.26	1.97
Equity Strategy	80.46	85.69	-0.70	1.88
European Opps	95.50	100.59	-0.14	0.08
UK Smaller Cos	71.49	75.50	-0.29	1.39
Worldwide Inc	95.91	101.48	+0.08	0.76
Japanese	74.97	79.28	-1.09	...
Asia Pacific	127.29	134.61	+0.21	3.11
American	117.74	124.52	+0.74	0.84
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD				
0800 454 422				
Cash	31.88	31.88	+0.03	5.22
UK General Inc	55.46	59.25	-0.26	2.84
-do- Accum	74.25	79.40	-0.34	2.84
Intl Income	274.80	293.19†	-1.80	1.59
-do- Accum	476.10	511.00†	-2.70	1.59
European	85.68	91.81	+0.44	1.70
Japan	65.68	68.54	-1.47	0.14
American	78.36	83.86	+0.52	2.01
Far East	87.75	93.86	+0.38	1.17
Global Inc	33.64	35.34	-0.28	2.22
UK Blue Chip Inc	91.08	96.47	-0.17	2.91
High Inc Inc	38.52	41.09	-0.03	3.84
UK Global Inc	43.24	46.25	-0.38	1.76
Mobile Inc	73.80	78.94†	+0.87	1.92
Europe 2000 Tst	57.71	61.35	+0.58	1.45
Technology	132.47	141.60†	+0.88	1.04
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS				
0131 225 2211				
UK Equity	437.30	465.80	.	2.76
American	301.70	320.20	+1.70	0.43
Pacific	387.50	414.40	-4.50	0.44
European	591.80	632.90	+7.80	1.08
Worldwide	93.31	99.71	-0.80	0.63
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD				
0141 248 6000				
UK Equity Inc	298.40	317.10	+1.40	2.27
-do- Accum	381.10	405.80	+1.80	2.27
UK Gilt Cv Eq Inc	225.40	240.00	-2.80	1.89
-do- Accum	273.40	291.70	-3.20	1.89
Select Opps Inc	77.25	82.18	+0.02	1.92
Income Plus Inc	76.85	82.02	-1.38	3.73
European Inc	378.82	402.38†	+4.90	1.10
-do- Accum	432.20	459.20	+5.50	1.10
Far Eastern Inc	122.70	130.50	...	...
-do- Accum	124.40	133.18†	+0.70	0.85
Nth American Inc	274.85	292.30	+2.50	0.60
-do- Accum	303.80	323.60†	+3.30	0.60

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Intl Growth Inc	213.80	228.80	-0.20	0.62
Worldwide Venture Inc	84.22	89.89†	-0.51	1.20
SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT				
0131 655 5724				
Equity Inc	397.40	422.60	-2.10	2.52
-do- Accum	589.50	626.60	-3.20	2.52
UK High Inc	183.10	200.90	-0.40	3.55
-do- Accum	289.40	308.60	-0.80	3.53
Europe Inc	425.00	454.10	+1.90	0.26
Nth Amer Inc	255.90	273.00	+2.90	...
Global Inc	234.30	249.00	-1.40	0.26
Global Acc	252.40	269.10	-1.50	0.26
UK Spec Sits Inc	119.60	126.80	...	3.34
South East Asia	228.00	243.20	-3.00	0.32
Cash Trust Inc	101.80	101.80	+0.10	6.00
UK Smlr Cos Inc	113.80	121.40	...	2.63
-do- Accum	117.70	125.60	...	2.63
Intl Bond Inc	95.22	101.10	+0.50	5.71
SEMPER EADEM FUND MGMT LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Sector Recovery	147.00	156.40	-1.80	4.20
SHARP (ALBERT E)				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
European	138.90	146.20	-0.20	0.94
Nth American	123.20	129.70	+0.50	...
Intl Bond & Curr	126.38	132.90	-0.70	5.68
Pooled Pension (£)	262.10	277.27	-7.70	2.67
Smaller Cos	90.77	95.55	-0.85	1.49
UK General	142.50	150.30	-0.80	1.95
Far Eastern	95.52	101.60†	-1.30	...
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD				
0171 626 5225				
Japan Gth Fund ‡	119.74	...	+1.80	...
Asian ‡	84.66	...	-0.89	...
European ‡	136.18	...	+1.38	0.29
Global Bond ‡	91.95	...	-0.07	6.59
Investment Trust ‡	104.67	...	-0.54	2.04
Preferred Income ‡	98.98	...	-0.20	6.81
General ‡	52.76	...	-1.36	...
Sterling Reserve ‡	100.04	...	+0.08	6.90
UK Growth ‡	107.03	...	-1.03	2.32
Tell Pen ‡	100.92	...	+0.05	...
UK Emerg Leaders ‡	102.07	...	-1.04	2.97
UK Equity Inc ‡	103.54	...	+0.74	5.88
Glob Gwth PEP	69.78	74.00	-0.33	...
Pref Inc PEP #	97.87	108.60	-0.70	4.96
Inv Trust PEP	51.82	55.12	+0.30	...
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS				
0171 637 5377				
American	377.20	399.20	+1.80	...
Canadian	69.32	73.34	-0.26	0.86
Capital	133.70	143.10	-0.18	1.51
Cash	100.35	100.35†	+0.09	5.96
European	147.20	155.70	-0.32	0.81
Far Eastern	136.90	144.90	-1.70	...
Growth	146.80	155.30	-1.00	1.42
Income	134.80	142.80†	-1.30	4.80
Magnum	143.90	154.10	...	1.55
Smlr Secs	438.70	464.20†	-1.40	0.87
Thoroughbred	166.80	178.90†	...	1.31
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01202 298 422				
[illegible]	54.36	58.14	-0.12	0.00
Ethical	68.07	71.04†	-0.87	2.30
European Growth	76.03	80.86	+0.86	3.19
Income	57.77	62.11	-0.05	5.70
Intl Growth	102.80	108.80	+0.50	2.19
Managed	86.51	92.28	+0.25	3.80
UK Growth	88.76	93.92	+0.11	3.10
STANDARD LIFE UNIT TRUSTS				
0800 393 777				
Standard Life Fund Mngmt Ltd				
Global Advtg Inc	43.85	48.27	-0.23	1.73
Global Advtg Acc	46.43	48.87	-0.25	1.73
Income Advtg Inc	33.90	34.07†	-0.04	3.51
Income Advtg Acc	36.23	38.43	-0.04	3.51
UK Equity Gth Acc	79.80	84.70	-0.83	0.90
Premier Inc Inc	47.67	50.16	-0.40	7.80
Premier Inc Acc	47.67	50.18	-0.40	7.80
Managed Acc	55.11	58.48	-0.25	1.49
UK Eq Hi Inc Inc	38.66	40.66†	-0.04	3.93
UK Eq Hi Inc Acc	49.50	52.47	-0.05	3.93
Standard Life Tst Mngmt Ltd				
UK Equity Gen Acc	69.21	73.54	-0.51	2.19
UK Equity Gen Inc	60.52	63.86	-0.48	2.19
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	30.44	32.20†	-0.22	8.26
Glob Lng-Co Acc	335.70	356.90	-1.30	1.86
Nth American Acc	52.28	55.56	+0.42	0.17
Far East Acc	70.71	75.13	-0.43	0.49
European Acc	58.17	59.80	+0.56	0.84
STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD				
0171 344 7000				
Global A (US$)	4.282	4.538	-0.04	1.96
US Eqs (US$)	2.894	3.099	-0.01	1.09
Far East Eqts (yen)	246.30	261.60	-2.60	...
Japan Eqties (yen)	216.00	228.00	...	...
FT Europe	137.29	145.70	-1.05	1.41
FT N Amer (US$)	2.172	2.301	-0.02	0.50
FT Japan (yen)	208.30	222.30	-4.50	...
FT Asia Exjap (US$)	2.576	2.738	-0.05	0.84
STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0131 226 3271				
American	436.60	466.70	+3.50	...
British #	1151.10	1217.80†	+3.00	3.09
Emging Mkts	137.90	148.00	+0.90	0.45
European	578.20	613.60†	+3.50	0.52
Japan	137.60	146.40	-3.20	...
New Pacific	399.70	427.40	+3.20	1.92
-do- Accum	421.60	450.70	+3.20	1.52
Inv Trust Acc	275.50	292.20	-1.30	0.81
Mngd Equity	188.70	199.50	-0.10	1.85
Mngd Cash	98.34	98.34	+0.08	6.03
SUN ALLIANCE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 399				
Equity	326.00	351.00	+1.30	2.65
North America	152.90	163.50	+3.10	...
Far East	152.40	163.00	-1.00	0.64
Wrldw Bond	59.13	62.71†	+0.46	5.14
European	112.80	119.40†	+1.20	1.58
Equity Income #	98.11	106.60	+0.46	5.32
Portfolio	94.90	101.50	+0.50	2.87
UK Leading Cos	68.52	72.87	+0.47	2.93
Broker Trusts				
Intl Equity	69.86	74.72	-0.47	...
SUN LIFE OF CANADA UT MGRS LTD				
0800 525 725				
Amtrust UT	22.82	24.07†	+0.04	0.61
European	42.60	44.69†	+0.55	0.89
High Income	34.88	36.94†	+0.06	4.28
Japan	34.78	37.00†	-1.05	0.01
Managed Assets	133.73	143.05	-0.42	2.50
North American	37.34	39.73†	+0.64	0.75
Smlr Co's Inc	32.11	34.16	-0.21	2.45
Smlr Co's Acc	34.42	36.63†	-0.23	2.45
UK Growth Inc	80.55	84.42	-0.32	2.67
UK Growth Acc	66.52	70.77†	-0.37	2.67
UK Income	43.87	46.82	-0.08	3.11
Worldwide Gth	37.57	40.19	-0.14	0.92
Combination				
Canadian Exmpt	51.46	53.89†	-0.05	2.08
European Exmpt	38.99	41.47†	-1.40	1.93
Pacific Exmpt	60.41	62.28	-0.30	0.89
US Exmpt	86.41	88.80†	+1.06	1.80
SUN LIFE TRUST MGMT LTD				
Advice & Enq: 0171 606 4044 Dlg: 0171 606 6010				
Discretionary	52.79	56.18†	-0.81	...
Cap Protector Inc	42.55	45.27†	-0.08	2.70
UK Income Inc	54.58	58.49	-0.51	3.19
Mngd Bksh Inc Inc #	34.21	36.37†	-0.29	5.07
Mngd High Yld Inc	34.16	36.53†	-0.09	4.59
Mngd Inc/Gth Inc	54.44	55.57	+0.25	3.27
UK Smaller Cos	36.67	39.01†	-0.21	1.70
Pacific Gth Port	48.12	52.25	+0.37	0.68
TSB UNIT TRUSTS				
01264 346 794				
American	252.48	267.16	+2.36	...
-do- Accum	276.10	294.28	+2.61	...
Brit Growth	106.81	113.03†	+0.37	2.05
-do- Accum	130.90	138.52†	+0.45	2.05
European	112.93	119.93	+2.31	...
-do- Accum	128.02	128.58	+2.45	...
Extra Income	221.42	233.35†	-0.29	4.04
-do- Accum	354.05	376.67†	-0.48	4.04
Smaller Cos	79.52	84.15†	+0.12	1.18
-do- Accum	90.30	95.65†	+0.15	1.18
General	318.92	337.49	-0.10	2.21
-do- Accum	698.17	707.60	-0.35	2.21
Pacific Income	38.16	38.25	-0.39	7.84
-do- Accum	117.66	122.56	-0.78	7.04
Income	355.44	376.12	-0.09	3.57
-do- Accum	783.83	830.51	-0.10	3.57
Pacific	432.60	459.80	-4.15	...
-do- Accum	438.92	466.17	-4.35	...
International	379.80	403.65	+0.79	...
-do- Accum	763.02	807.43	+1.03	...
Nat Resources	165.76	175.41†	-0.63	...
Stock Opps	121.00	128.98†	+0.85	1.81
-do- Accum	157.03	168.80†	+0.84	1.81
Environmental Inv	68.78	72.76	-0.58	1.37
Selector	68.58	72.55	+0.13	1.89
-do- Accum	78.81	82.55	+0.15	1.89
High Income	67.22	71.18	-0.31	4.47
-do- Accum	87.85	92.75	-0.39	4.47
Intl Income	61.02	64.57†	+0.30	5.18
-do- Accum	78.13	82.88†	+0.30	5.18
Selector Income	84.57	88.25	-0.10	4.25
-do- Accum	77.25	81.74	-0.12	4.25
TU FUND MANAGERS LIMITED				
0181 957 1015				
British	364.00	384.20†	+1.60	2.81
TEMPLETON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0181 488 4900				
Glob Growth Inc	220.54	235.07	+1.09	2.18
Glob Balanced Inc	134.30	137.34†	+2.12	3.59
Value Tst Inc	132.64	141.86	+0.17	2.70
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0171 246 3000 Dealing: 0171 246 3001				
Dresdner Eur Bd	43.17	44.85	+0.46	7.10
European Growth	291.66	305.40	+5.26	0.40
Exempt	666.37	612.78†	+2.98	2.76
Global Em Mkts	81.24	85.69†	-0.71	0.48
Japan Tst	79.70	82.47	-3.26	...
Little Dragons	82.89	86.73	+0.23	...
Nat Amer Gwth	260.49	272.76	+3.12	0.50
Oriental Income #	45.75	47.93†	-0.08	2.39
Preference	124.77	130.64†	-0.38	8.00
Tiger	284.54	297.96	+0.11	...
UK Blue Chip	68.93	72.17	+0.51	1.89
UK Growth	288.03	304.76†	+2.80	2.18
UK High Yield #	108.52	113.62†	-0.06	4.40
UK Mid-Cap	274.00	289.91†	-0.81	2.20
UK Smlr Cos	112.20	117.48	+0.51	1.89
UK Smlr Cos Div #	86.86	92.54	-1.22	5.28
UNITED FRIENDLY UT TST MGMT LTD				
01277 690 336				
UK Equity Income	105.11	111.82	+0.14	3.26
UK Equity Growth	93.37	99.33†	-0.03	2.08
European	71.94	76.53†	+0.80	1.45
Nth American	78.65	83.65	+0.32	0.80
Far Eastern	77.85	82.44	-0.81	1.28
Money	69.92	69.92	+0.05	6.08
Fixed Interest	74.80	78.57	-0.04	5.64
Index Linked Gilt	68.54	72.92	-0.32	1.37
VIRGIN DIRECT PEP LTD				
0345 959595				
UK Index Tracking (0)	110.10	110.10	+0.75	2.85
WAVERLEY UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0131 225 1551				
Australian Gold	25.46	27.73	-0.84	...
Pacific Basin	45.53	47.82	-0.87	...
Global Bond (US$)	0.901	0.3865	-0.01	...
Penny Share	43.06	45.32	-0.25	...
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 623 3444				
Challenger	97.16	99.70	-0.59	2.90
Short Dtd Gilt	117.99	119.59	-0.49	...
US Govt Bd (US$)	0.7607	0.7707	+0.05	...
Gilt Income	30.48	32.55†	-0.20	7.80
Gilt Growth	72.71	75.59	-0.40	...
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Mystery shrouds positive result

New Zealand back drug-test purge that snared Eru

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

WHILE supporting the decision to suspend Syd Eru, the most noteable of the three players thrown out of the World Cup for testing positive for drugs, the New Zealand Rugby League (NZRL) said yesterday that it was mystified by the case.

Eru, 24, tested positive for pseudo-ephedrine after New Zealand's opening match, against Tonga last Sunday, and Gary Freeman, the veteran former New Zealand captain and scrum half, took his place at hooker in the deciding group match against Papua New Guinea at St Helens last night.

The stimulant is found in cold remedies and is on the International Olympic Committee list of banned drugs. The Auckland Warriors player has told the team management that he had not been prescribed any cold cure, but had taken a vitamin replacement supplement.

The NZRL is having the supplement tested to see if it contains any traces of pseudo-ephedrine. Graham Carden, the NZRL chairman, said: "Syd Eru assured us his preparation for the World Cup has been no different to usual. He was tested four times during the Winfield Cup season with Auckland and there were no problems."

All players were tested before leaving their home base and on arrival at the tournament. Some random tests were made after matches by the Sports Council's drug-testing unit, in one of the most extensive testing programmes undertaken at a sporting event in this country.

Carden said that the NZRL had full confidence in Stew Thompson, the team doctor, and the advice that he had given players, but was fully behind the actions of World Cup organisers in suspending those who tested positive, and the strict testing policy of the International Rugby League Board.

"We want the sport to be seen as both clear of drug abuse and tough on players who step out of line," Carden said. "We are now awaiting the outcome of Eru's B sample and, while accepting that he tested positive for pseudo-ephedrine, which is at the lower level of banned substances, the NZRL fully understand that a strict policy on punishment for players who do offend must be maintained."

Further action against the three offenders is being left to their respective national associations. Pierre Grobbelaar, of South Africa, whose positive test for nandrolone, the performance-enhancing steroid, was by far the most serious, is to be prevented from taking up a contract at Dewsbury after the tournament.

Stephane Millet, the third player, who tested for cannabis, was a late addition to the France squad. He had apparently smoked the drug at a party two days before. Tas Baitieri, the France team manager, said: "It's going to cost him dearly and he's very upset, because he knows he's ruined his reputation and brought a stigma to French rugby league."

Since random drug tests began in rugby league in 1987, there have been isolated incidents of cannabis abuse and use of banned substances in cough mixtures, for which players have been suspended for up to six months. Grobbelaar's is the third case in a year of a player caught taking steroids. In this country, the ban has been raised from two to four years for steroid offences.

WORLD CUP DETAILS

GROUP ONE

RESULTS: England 20 Australia 16, Fiji 52 South Africa 8; Australia 86 South Africa 6, England 46 Fiji 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
England	2	2	0	0	66	16	4
Australia	2	1	0	1	102	26	2
Fiji	2	1	0	1	52	52	2
South Africa	2	0	0	2	12	138	0

FIXTURES: Today: Australia v Fiji (Huddersfield, 2.0) England v South Africa (Headingley, 7.0)

GROUP TWO

RESULTS: New Zealand 25 Tonga 24; Papua New Guinea 28 Tonga 28

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
New Zealand	1	1	0	0	25	24	2
Papua NG	1	0	1	0	28	28	1
Tonga	2	0	1	1	52	53	1

☐ Not including the New Zealand v Papua New Guinea match played last night

GROUP THREE

RESULT: Wales 28 France 6; Western Samoa 56 France 10

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
W Samoa	1	1	0	0	56	10	2
Wales	1	1	0	0	28	6	2
France	2	0	0	2	16	84	0

FIXTURE: Oct 15: Wales v Western Samoa (Swansea, 6.0)

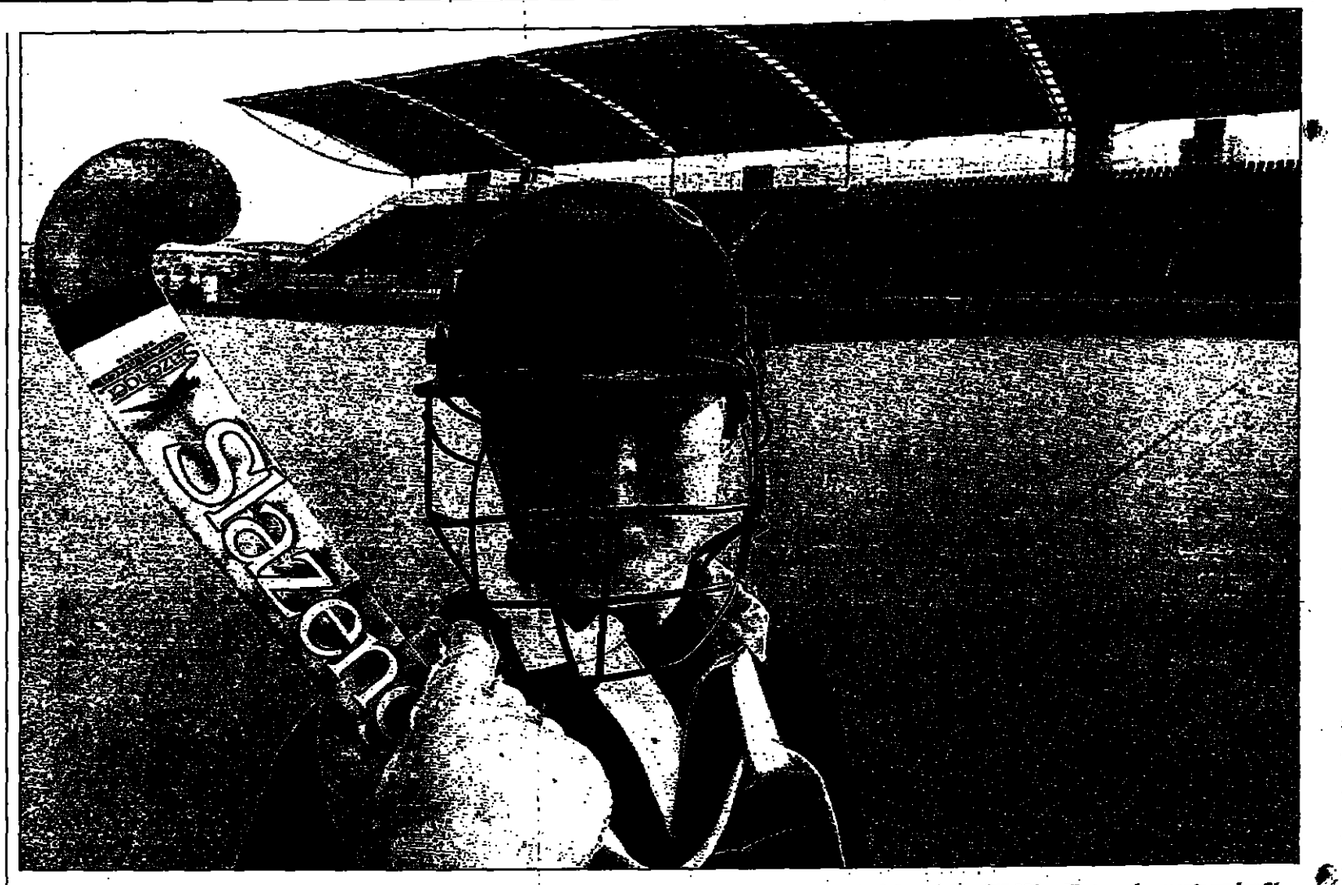
SEMI-FINALS

Oct 21: Winners group one v winners group three (Old Trafford, 3.0)

Oct 22: Winners group two v runners-up group one (Huddersfield, 3.0)

FINAL

Oct 28: Wembley (2.50).



Daniel Bailes, 11, played in goal for the Two Mile Ash Middle School hockey team yesterday in an inaugural match against Milton Keynes Preparatory School as part of the topping out ceremony for a new National Hockey Centre in Milton Keynes (Sydney Friskin writes). Work on the pitch, main stand, a function suite and office accommodation will be completed within the next month and the centre should be fully operational by early next year. The stadium, with a potential capacity of 15,000, will stage the men's under-21 hockey World Cup in September 1997. Grants from the Sports Council, the Foundation for Sport and the Arts and the national hockey associations have helped to fund the £9.3 million development so far. A National Lottery grant of £5.5 million is sought to help to cover the cost of a second pitch, north stand and residential accommodation. Photograph: Marc Aspland

Schultz makes aggressive return

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

BRETT SCHULTZ, the South Africa left-arm fast bowler, burst back into international cricket yesterday with four Zimbabwe wickets on the first day of the one-off Test match — and a reprimand from Barry Jarman, the match referee, into the bargain.

Schultz, playing his first Test for 26 months after chronic knee problems, took four for 54 and Allan Donald three for 42 as Zimbabwe were dismissed for 170.

However, Zimbabwe reclaimed some of the initiative through Heath Streak, their fast bowler. He provided a late flourish to the innings with 53, his maiden Test fifty, and then seized two wickets to leave South Africa on 74 for three at the close.

Schultz's impressive return was marred by an incident when he had Dave Houghton caught behind by Dave Richardson for five. The bowler pointed the former Zimbabwe captain towards the pavilion with a clenched-fist gesture that brought a reprimand from Jarman, the former Australia wicketkeeper.

After Zimbabwe won the toss in the first Test meeting between the teams, Donald removed Mark Dekker, the opener, for one and Schultz followed up with three quick wickets.

Andy Flower, the Zimbabwe captain, was his first victim, out for seven when an attempted off-drive found the inside edge of his bat and was deflected on to his stumps. He beat Houghton for pace, providing Richardson with one of four catches in the innings, among them Alistair Campbell, who departed for nought in Schultz's eighth over.

Streak came to the wicket at 84 for seven after Craig Matthews had removed Guy Whittall and Paul Strang with successive balls. He started by attacking Pat Symcox, the off-spinner, hitting a huge six into Harare Sports Club's famous jacaranda trees.

Streak continued his fine all-round form by removing Gary Kirsten leg-before for one and Hansie Cronje, the South Africa captain, for five.

Daryll Cullinan had scored 11 before giving Charlie Lock his first Test wicket by steering a long-hop straight to Whittall at cover; but Andrew Hudson, Kirsten's opening partner, responded defiantly to the fall of wickets with an attacking 45 not out that included two hooked sixes off Lock.

SCOREBOARD

ZIMBABWE: First Innings

M H Dekker c Hudson b Donald 1
G W Flower c Richardson b Donald 24
*†A Flower b Schultz 7
D L Houghton c Richardson b Schultz 5
A D R Campbell c Richardson b Schultz 0
G J Whittall c Richardson b Matthews 29
C B Wishart c Kirsten b Symcox 24
P A Strang b Matthews 0
H H Streak c McMillan b Donald 53
B Strang lbw b Schultz 0
C Lock not out 8
Extras (lb 10, w 5, nb 4) 19
Total 170

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-12, 3-22, 4-23, 5-71, 6-84, 7-84, 8-122, 9-128.

BOWLING: Donald 17.1-3-43-3; Schultz 21-7-54-4; Matthews 13-5-30-2; McMillan 3-0-13-0; Symcox 11-5-21-1.

SOUTH AFRICA: First Innings

A C Hudson not out 45
G Kirsten lbw b Streak 1
*W J Cronje c A Flower b Streak 5
D J Cullinan c Whittall b Lock 11
C R Matthews not out 10
Extras (nb 2) 2
Total (3 wkts) 74

J N Rhodes, B M McMillan, †D J Richardson, P L Symcox, A A Donald and B N Schultz to bat.

BOWLING: Streak 9-1-23-2; Lock 9-2-38-1; B Strang 5-2-5-0; P A Strang 2-1-8-0.

Weakened Southgate face trial of strength

THE hockey season enters its second week with an early trial of strength tomorrow between Southgate and Reading at Broomfield School, where Southgate will again be without Soma Singh, their injured captain.

Tony Wizbek, who has pushed his way up from the fourth XI, will fill in at centre back for Southgate alongside Waugh. Up front, they will have Woods, Simons — who scored three against Stourport last week — and Freeman in a three-pronged attack.

Reading propose to operate with two front-runners — Pearn, formerly of Gloucester City, with Mark Hoskin lending support, and Howard, his brother, playing farther back in a team that looks balanced.

The Hounslow side for the home match against Guildford tomorrow will not include Hazlitt, who will be away for several weeks. Although well fortified in defence, Hounslow face a hard task holding off the Guildford quintet of Cartmell, Williams, Hall, Powell and Markham. Behind them will be Jennings, Guildford's main motivator.

East Grinstead, who visit Barford Tigers, will have Westwood in goal as a replacement for Luckes, who is ill. Gibson will lead the attack assisted by Stuart Head on the right and Bhatti on the left.

Other important matches tomorrow include Stourport's visit to Cannock and Havant's home game against Old Loughtonians. In the only match scheduled for today, Surbiton, who lost 4-3 to Canterbury last week, will be at home to Indian Gymkhana.

Wales prepare for a storm

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

WILL the Samoan storm, that devastated France in Cardiff on Thursday, have blown itself out by the time that it reaches Swansea tomorrow evening? Wales must be hoping so.

Those in the Wales camp who thought that Western Samoa were being talked up as potentially formidable opponents were hastily revising their opinions yesterday after the Samoans' irresistable performance in overwhelming France, 56-10. "Considering it was the first time they had played together, they were very impressive," Clive Griffiths, the Wales coach, said.

"They ran the ball superbly and their close support play was brilliant in setting up ten tries — but France were a different side against us. They were decimated by injuries on Thursday and showed all the signs of a battle-worn outfit who didn't have the will to fight."

For the winner, the reward is a semi-final against England at Old Trafford next Saturday in what always looked a showdown of fascinating possibilities, even before the World Cup began. What remain untested are the Samoans' defensive qualities and, for all that they carved apart a tired and dispirited France, their handling. A repeat of the number of handling errors that they made in that game might be at their peril against Wales.

Griffiths, who is counting on Scott Quinnell's debut giving Wales more of an edge in the forwards, said: "They will find us a far tougher proposition, particularly with a carrot of a semi-final place and a big crowd behind us."



Quinnell: recalled

Quinnell has fully recovered from an ankle injury, yet does represent something of a risk. Not only has he been out of action for five weeks, but also his inclusion breaks up the back-row partnership of Paul Moriarty, Mark Perrett, who is dropped, and Richard Eyres, which was successful against France and in winning the European championship last season.

Neil Cowie, who withdrew from the game against France just before his wife gave birth to a daughter, returns to the substitutes' bench in place of Mark Jones. After Wales accidentally made one more than the permitted four replacements against France last Monday, officials will monitor any changes especially carefully.

WALES (v Western Samoa, Swansea, tomorrow): I Harris (Wanrington) J Devereux (Widnes), S Gibbs (St Helens) A Bateman (Cromulla), A Sullivan (St Helens), J Davies (Warrington, captain), K Ellis (North Queensland), K Stannet (Wigan), M Hall (Wigan), D Young (Salford), P Moriarty (Halifax), S Quinnell (Wigan), R Eyres (Leeds). Substitutes: N Cowie (Wigan), K Cunningham (St Helens), R Phillips (Warrington), A Hadley (Widnes).

Pakistani pair equal single-over record

PAKISTAN brushed aside West Indies by 15 runs yesterday to record their second successive win in the triangular Champions Trophy cricket tournament in Sharjah, in the United Arab Emirates.

The strength of the resurgent world champions, who defeated Sri Lanka on Thursday, was demonstrated by the partnership between Moin Khan and Ramiz Raja, who hammered Ian Bishop for 27 runs off a single over, Khan hitting sixes on three of the last four balls. Their achievement equalled the record in one-day cricket.

Electing to bat first, Pakistan recovered from a shaky 49 for three in the eighteenth over to post a commanding 242 for four in their stipulated 50 overs. West Indies were all out for 227 in reply. It was their second defeat in the three-nation tournament, having lost to Sri Lanka.

Richie Richardson's side now needs to win both its remaining matches in the two-leg league to stay in contention for a place in the final next Friday.

Pakistan's innings was built around a 141-run partnership between Raja, the captain, and Basit Ali after West Indies had claimed three early wickets. Raja was unbeaten on 104, with seven fours and a six.

Khan boosted the score with a quickfire 27 not out off ten balls. The innings ended in thunderous style with that 27 off the final over from Bishop. Raja completed his hundred with a four and took a single off Bishop's next ball. Khan then despatched the last four balls for six, four, six, six.

Their efforts equalled that of Salim Malik and Asif Mujtaba, also of Pakistan, who took 27 off Muttiah Murlitharan, the Sri Lanka spinner, last year.

West Indies paid the penalty for reckless batting. Brian Lara proved typical. He hit 21 off 15 balls before being caught, skying a risky shot.

SCOREBOARD

PAKISTAN

Aamir Sohail c Browne b Bishop 10
Salim Elahi c Harper b Cummins 9
*Ramiz Raja not out 104
Saeed Anwar c Browne b Anthony ... 18
Basit Ali c Harper b Cummins 64
†Moin Khan not out 27
Extras (lb 1, w 8, nb 1) 10
Total (4 wkts, 50 overs) 242

Zafar Iqbal, Waqar Younis, Mushtaq Ahmed, Saqlain Mushtaq and Aqib Javed did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-16, 2-24, 3-49, 4-190.

BOWLING: Bishop 10-0-78-1; Cummins 10-0-31-2; Anthony 10-0-47-1; Simmons 9-0-40-0; Harper 10-0-38-0; Chanderpaul 1-0-7-0.

WEST INDIES

P V Simmons, †lbw b Waqar 4
S L Campbell lbw b Sohail 42
B C Lara c Aqib b Saqlain 21
*R B Richardson b Aqib 34
S Chanderpaul c Elahi b Waqar 36
R I C Holder st Moin b Saqlain 11
R A Harper not out 43
†C O Browne st Moin b Saqlain 12
A C Cummins c Moin b Saqlain 4
H A G Anthony run out 0
I R Bishop st Moin b Mushtaq 7
Extras (lb 8, w 3, nb 2) 13
Total (49 overs) 227

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-51, 3-74, 4-124, 5-154, 6-156, 7-199, 8-197, 9-198.

BOWLING: Aqib 9-0-30-1; Waqar 9-0-51-2; Zafar 1-0-13-0; Saqlain 10-1-47-4; Sohail 10-1-40-1; Mushtaq 10-1-38-1.

Men of the match: Ramiz Raja.

Umpires: R S Dunne (New Zealand) and N T Plews (England)

FOR THE RECORD

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NFL): St Louis 21 Atlanta 19

BOWLS

YETTON TROPHY: Preliminary round: Long Sutton 83 Boston B 81 Gedling B 71 Ashfield 92 Gedling A 80 Charnwood A 67. Charnwood B 80 Melton Mowbray B 62

CRICKET

TOUR MATCH: Bombay (second day of three): New Zealanders 217-8 dec (M J Greatbatch 100, P Mhambrey 4-79). Somaiya 219-4 (S V Manjrekar 79, V G Kambli 59 not out)

CYCLING

BOURGES, France: Paris-Bourges race (209.3km): 1, D Nardiello (It) 4hr 23min 42sec; 2, L Michaelsen (Den) at 15sec; 3, J-P Heyndenckx (Bel); 4, C Henn (Ger); 5, A Peron (It); 6, S Teutenberg (Ger), all same time

FOOTBALL

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Dundalk 0 Sligo Rovers 1

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Oldham Athletic 2 Bolton Wanderers 3; Stoke City 2 Sheffield United 0; West Bromwich Albion 2 Manchester United 4. FA YOUTH CUP: First qualifying round: Eastleigh 1 Bognor Regis 0.

BOODLE AND DUNTHORNE INDEPENDENT: Schools' FA Cup: Second round: Bolton 1 Manchester GS 2.

SCHOOLS SOCCER: Pye Films Trophy: Second round: Exeter City 2 Taunton 1; Rotherham United 3 Sheffield United 1; Yeovil Town 4 Mid-Somerset 3.

GOLF

CHEJU ISLAND, South Korea: World Championship of Women's Golf: Leading second-round scores (United States unless stated): 138, E Kang 68, 70; P Bradley, EB, 70; L Davies (Eng) 67, 71, 139; E Dibnah 71, 68; J Sumner 70, 69, 140; D Mochrie 72, 68; R Jones 67, 73, 141; A Sorenstam (Swe) 72, 69; T Green 69, 72, 142; J Hiraoka (Swe) 71, 71, 144; N Bowen 72, 72, 145; M Mallon 73, 72, 146; I Shotam (Japan) 74, 72, 147; K Tschetter 73, 74; L Cope (S Kor) 72, 75, 150; M McGann 75, 75.

LAS VEGAS: Las Vegas Invitational: Leading second-round scores (United States unless stated): 130: R Tway 65, 65, 131: J Cook 67, 64; C Byrum 66, 65, W Mayfair 66, 65; K Gibson 66, 65, 132: M Brooks 66, 66; J Furyk 67, 65; M Dawson 68, 64; R Fehr 64, 68; N Ozaki (Japan) 63, 69, 133: T Byrum 66, 67; J McGovern 68, 65; S Lowery 66, 67; B Bryant 65, 68; J Kaye 67, 66; P Stroud 65, 67; D Edwards 67, 66; D Stockton Jr 68, 65; K Triplett 66, 67, 134; P Azinger 67, 67; C Parry (Aus) 64, 70; M O'Meara 67, 67; S Kendall 67, 67; B McCallister 67, 67; S Verplank 66, 68; D Love III 67, 67; B Chamblee 68, 66; W Levi 69, 65.

LISBON, Portugal: UAP Grand Final: Leading second-round scores (England unless stated): 137: R Willison 73, 64, 138: F Valera (Spa) 71, 67; R Russell (Scot) 72, 66; J Rask (Swe) 70, 68, 139; A Sandywell 70, 69; S Luna 65, 71; E Bolognesi (It) 69, 70; T Flamion (Fr) 71, 68; F Lonsson (Swe) 71, 68, 140; R Edwards 71, 69; P Sjoland (Swe) 65, 75; S Hurley 71, 69; N Vanhoegenem (Bel) 71, 69; M Persson (Swe) 70, 70, 142; M Tunnicliff 68, 74; T Bjorn (Den) 70, 72; R Sabatini (Fr) 73, 69; M Santi (It) 72, 70, 143; S Ford 72, 71; W Bennett 71, 72; B Tinsley (Den) 71, 72; N Lecomte 70, 67; D Lee 73, 73.

ST ENDREOL: Nestlé Women's French Open: Leading first-round scores (Great Britain and Ireland unless stated): 70: C Sorenstam (Swe), 71: M-L de Lorenzi (Fr), A Nicholas, J Morley, 72: L Fairclough, L Irvine, A Arrue (Sp), N Fink (Austria), E Orley (Switz), 73: D Dowling, S Prosser, A-C Jonasson (Swe), G Stewart, E-J Smith, S Burnett, 74: K Douglas, C Soules (Fr), F Dassu (It), C Duffy, C Louw (SA), M Koch (Ger), S Cocco (It), R Lautens (Swe), R Hetherington (Aus).

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): New Jersey 4 Winnipeg 1, Tampa Bay 3 Montreal 1, Chicago 5 Pittsburgh 1, St Louis 3 Dallas 1, Vancouver 7 Los Angeles 7 (OT), Boston 6 San Jose 6 (OT)

RUGBY LEAGUE

HALIFAX WORLD CUP: Group three: France 10 Western Samoa 56

SPEEDWAY

PREMIER LEAGUE: Middlesbrough 52 Belle Vue 44, Sheffield 49 Bradford 47.

TABLE TENNIS

NIMES: World Cup (China unless stated): Group A: Wang Tao bt P Langley (Aus) 21-8, 21-11; Kim Taek Soo (S Kor) bt J Persson (Swe) 14-21, 21-10, 21-18; Tao bt Persson 21-17, 21-19; Soo bt Langley 21-10, 21-17; Wang Tao bt Kim Taek Soo 21-17, 22-20; Persson bt Langley, 21-13, 21-19. Group B: Lu Guoliang bt Hong Lunghui 17-21, 21-17, 21-11; P Karlsson (Swe) bt F De Armas (Cuba) 21-13, 21-9; Lunghui bt Karlsson 21-12, 21-18; Guoliang bt De Armas 21-10, 21-10. Group C: J-M Saive (Bel) bt S Olaleye (Nigeria) 21-19, 21-7; J-P Gasiori (Fr) bt J Huang (Can) 21-16, 19-21, 21-19; Saive bt Huang 21-12, 21-12; Gasiori bt Olaleye 21-13, 21-14. Group D: P Chila (Fr) bt J-O Waldner (Swe) 21-15, 22-20; Chila bt J Rosskopf (Ger) 21-18, 21-19; Rosskopf bt Z Primorac (Cro) 21-19, 20-22, 21-15; Waldner bt Primorac 22-24, 21-15, 21-18.

TENNIS

BIRMINGHAM, LTA autumn satellite tournament: Men: Singles: Final: R Koenig (SA) bt C Beecher (GB) 4-6, 7-6, 6-4. Doubles: Final: S Maria (Switz) and C Singer (US) bt P Hand (GB) and T Spinks (GB) 6-3, 6-1.

FILDERSTADT, Germany: Women's tournament: Second round: P Begerow (Ger) bt C Martinez (Sp) 6-4, 6-3; A Huber (Ger) bt N Tauziat (Fr) 3-6, 6-1, 6-4; I Majoli (Cro) bt E Lichovtsev (Kazakhstan) 6-1, 7-6; C Rubin (US) bt L Davenport (US) 4-6, 6-2, 6-4. Quarter-finals: G Sabatini (Arg) bt B Schultz-McCarthy (Holl) 6-2, 6-1; Huber bt P Begerow (Ger) 6-3, 6-2; Majoli bt Pierce 2-6, 6-3, 6-2.

OSTRAVA, Czech Republic: Men's tournament: Second round: A Medvedev (Ukr) bt O Delaitre (Fr) 6-4, 6-4; A Boetsch (Fr) bt N Kiefer (Ger) 7-5, 6-3, J Bjorkman (Swe) bt K Novacek (Cz) 6-4, 4-6, 7-5; M Washington (US) bt G Forget (Fr) 7-6, 6-4. Quarter-finals: W Ferreira (SA) bt P Rafter (Aus) 6-4, 6-4, Boetsch bt Medvedev 6-1, 6-1, Washington bt Bjorkman 6-2, 6-4; P Kuhnen (Ger) bt J Wimmik (Holl) 4-6, 6-1, 6-1.

TEL AVIV: Men's tournament: Second round: R Vasek (Cz) bt K Alami (Mor) 6-3, 6-4; D Wheaton (US) bt N Behr (Isr) 6-7, 6-3, 7-6, J Krosiak (Slovakia) bt O Ogorodov (Uz) 6-7, 7-5, 6-3; J Stoltenberg (Aus) bt M Oncinuska (SA) 2-6, 7-6, 6-1. Quarter-finals: J Sanchez (Sp) bt J Palmer (US) 7-6, 6-3; Wheaton bt Vasek 6-2, 6-0, Stoltenberg bt Krosiak 1-6, 6-3, 6-4; S Pescosolido (It) bt F Fetterlein (Den) 6-3, 7-6.

TOKYO: Men's tournament: Quarter-finals: M Chang (US) bt A Volkov (Russ) 6-2, 6-0; H Dreekmann (Ger) bt G Ivanisevic (Cro) 7-6, 7-6; M Philippoussis (Aus) bt R Krajicek (Holl) 6-7, 7-6, 6-3; H Holm (Swe) bt B Black (Zim) 6-3, 6-7, 6-1.

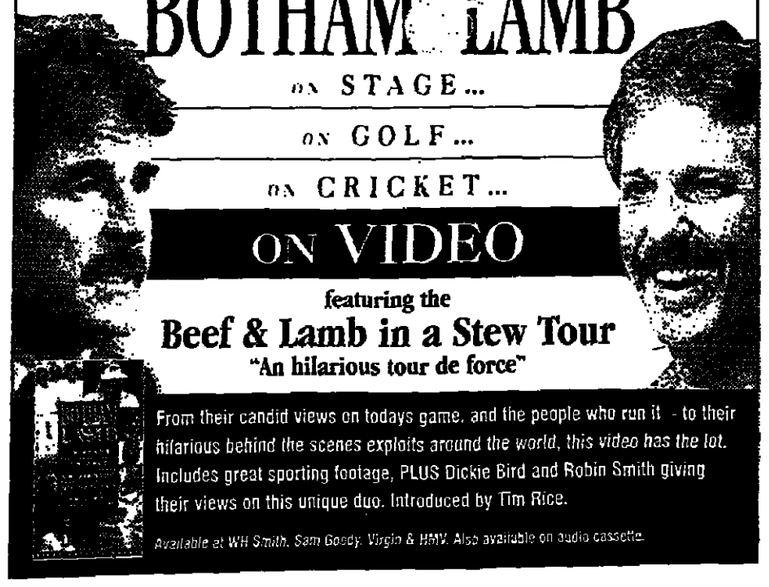
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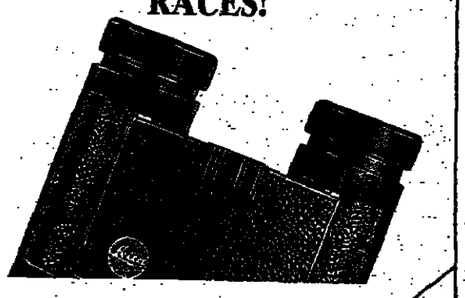


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Totting-up system in the dock over ban on Richards

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

NOTHING is more certain than that the Rugby Football Union's (RFU) experiment with the disciplinary totting-up procedure, that claimed Dean Richards as its first high-profile victim on Thursday night, will continue for the season. To do otherwise would negate the purpose of the experiment and be inequable for those, like Richards, already ensnared.

It could be argued that Richards should have been more careful where he placed his feet — or his fists — and that he pays the penalty for accumulating two yellow warning cards with the fortnight's suspension handed out by the Leicestershire disciplinary committee. However, Richards's own suggestion is fair: that offenders should be given penalty points so that totting-up takes more than two games into account.

It is impossible to compare rugby union to football, the model for the card system. So much in rugby is open to interpretation. One could contend that if, for example, a player is penalised for stamping on a recumbent opponent, five times out of ten that opponent has put himself there deliberately to prevent quick release of the ball.

Ironically, Richards, who is considering an appeal, receives a greater punishment for not being sent off than John Fowler, the Sale lock dismissed against Orrell, who was rested by his club the next Saturday and restored after receiving a week's suspension that he had already served.

"It is the intention of officials — administrators and referees — to keep players on the field, not have them sent off, suspended or unable to play," Roy Manock, the RFU's disciplinary officer, said. Coincidentally, the threat of suspension to the Rotherham pack, all of whom were shown the yellow card in the Pilkington Cup tie with Coventry last week, was withdrawn yesterday, when Chris Harrison, the East Midlands referee, explained that it was a "man-management gesture" and not an official caution — which is not what the system was introduced for.

Only five players in the 64 clubs constituting the national divisions have been liable for punishment since its introduction in January, but there has been sympathy for the Leicestershire Rugby Union, which had to rule on an unprecedented situation, against one of its county's most popular players and who previously held a good record.

"It was a very tough evening," Alan Wells, the county secretary, said. "I don't feel that the RFU have prepared the ground for dealing with yellow cards well enough and we will be writing to them with some observations about the new ruling."

The England management will be aware that Martin Johnson and Richard West, two of their squad locks, have been shown yellow cards this season and must steer clear of trouble for the next 24 weeks. Richards himself believes that Twickenham itself should establish a central court to deal with players who, in a few months, will be contracted professionals either with countries or clubs. "I am very disappointed, but it was a fair hearing," he said.

Whether the suspension will directly affect Richards's international career is a moot point. He will miss the Courage Clubs Championship match with Orrell at Welford Road today and the meeting with Wasps next Saturday, but selection for England's game against South Africa on November 18 will not be made until the first weekend in November and the team management is committed to changing the back row, to allow for the inclusion of a genuine open-side flanker.

Thus Richards already faced a challenge at No 8 from players such as Ben Clarke and Tony Diprose, and, at 32, time is not on his side.

Elsewhere, Will Carling misses Harlequins' visit to Sale, but Rob Andrew will play for Wasps against Gloucester despite the battering that he received last weekend against Bath. Northampton, who lead the second division, give Jonathan Bell, the Ireland international, a game at full back and move Michael Dods to the wing against Blackheath.

Jones transfers from victors to vanquished

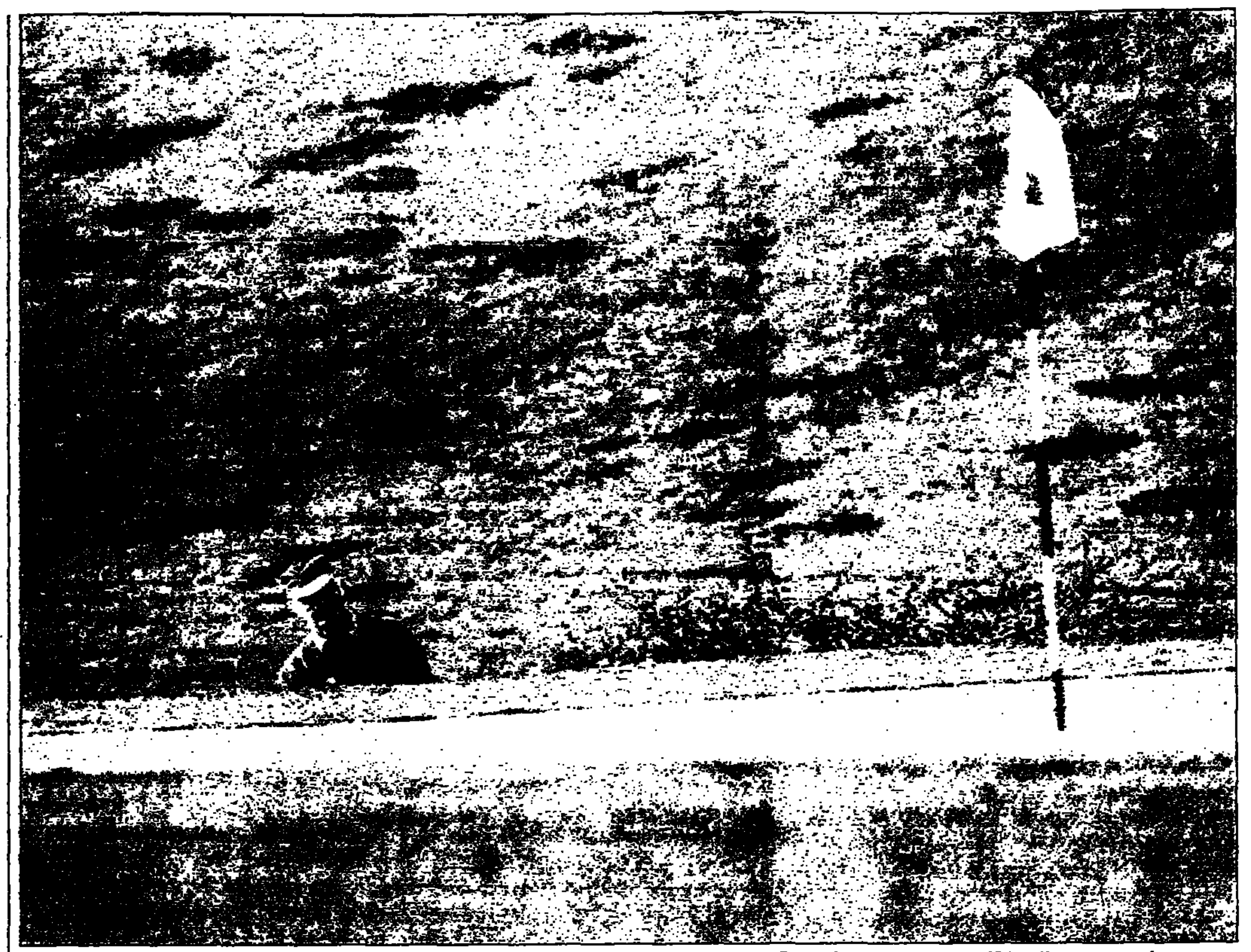
CARDIFF, who lost their unbeaten Heineken League record to Bridgend ten days ago, may be said to have taken their revenge. Gareth Jones, 20, one of the two young internationals in the Bridgend midfield, has transferred to the capital and will become available after serving the two-week eligibility period (David Hands writes).

It is a frank acknowledgement by Cardiff that, at 33, Mark Ring's career has only a limited shelf-life. With Mike Hall, another international centre, missing through injury, Cardiff have taken immediate steps by recruiting Jones.

Bridgend are also without Ian Greenslade, the suspended hooker, for the visit to Neath where Mike Carrington plays his first league game on the wing for Neath since returning from rugby league with St Helens.

Two former international locks, Tony Copsey, of Llanelli, and Kevin Moseley, of Newport, begin a ten-week and four-week ban respectively. Julian Williams stands by to replace Copsey against Newbridge, while Mike Voyle returns from the back row to his accustomed position for Newport's visit to Swansea.

☐ Ian Jones, the New Zealand lock, is to appear in court next week on a charge of assault laid by Junior Paramore, the Western Samoa international. They were involved in an off-the-ball incident when North Harbour, Jones's team, played Counties.



Charlie Wren, of ICL Dublin, aims his pitch at the pin during the Ireland regional final of the Corporate Golf Challenge yesterday

Teamwork adds up to success for Unisys

By Mel Webb

THE winners of the Ireland regional final of *The Times* MeesPierson Corporate Golf Challenge yesterday may have encountered the odd problem negotiating the Rockmount course; most did. They did not, however, have any bother adding up their scores.

The victorious team came from Unisys, the information management group, that is the official supplier of information computer services to the PGA European Tour. Compared with the manifold demands of the Tour, calculating their Stableford points total in the Challenge was but child's play.

Robert Johnston, the winner's captain, the general manager of Unisys Ireland, made no particular demands of his team other than that they should win. "We had a captain who was totally convinced from the time the first ball was struck that we were going to make it to La Manga," Eddie Moroney, who, with Trevor Clyde, made up the team, said. Nothing less than first place would do, it seemed.

The number that the four players fed into their memory banks from the off was five. They felt that five points a hole would take them very close to success, and events were to prove them almost right — Unisys won with a score of 91 points, three ahead of Digital Equipment Corporation, with United Dominions Trust third on 85.

It was decided that the two men in the team who were armed with oversized drivers, Moroney, a 12-handicapper, and Clyde, who plays off 13, would lead the way with Davison, a 13-handicapper, driving third and Johnston, a 24-handicap man, going last and using the benefit of the 21 shots that he received.

The result was a performance that revealed unremarkable individual efforts, but that was made into a winning score by close-knit teamwork. On no hole did they score more than six points, but they had five sixes, nine fives and only four fours on their card.

They started from the 10th, and immediately collected solid five-point hauls on the first four holes, followed by a brace of sixes. The target was being hit with regularity from the off, and continued to be through a front nine that yielded 46 points. They were only slightly less consistent on their back nine, coming home with 45 points.

The company golf day that brought the team to the beautiful and impressive new Rockmount course 11 miles southwest of Belfast was held at Mount Juliet, 90 minutes' drive from Dublin; and therein lies another tale. Unisys's link with the European Tour means that they hold their golf day on the course that is being used for that year's Irish Open.

The shot of the day, never mind those that won prizes for being nearest to the hole and hitting the longest drive, was that struck by one Garth Morton, of ICL. Morton hit his tee-shot on the par-three 9th with more than its fair share of draw, and his ball hit the clubhouse roof, smashed into and broke the windscreen of a car put on display by Citroën, one of the event sponsors, plunged through some shrubbery and rolled on to the green. Surely this was no time for trick shots.

RESULTS: 91: Unisys Ltd. 88: Digital Equipment Corp. 85: United Dominions Trust, NHS UK (UDT third on countback). 84: BP Oil & BP Energy; Wormald Ansul Ltd; Department of Economic Development; R J Maxwell & Son Ltd. 83: KPMG; Electrolux Group; ICL (Dublin) A. 82: ICL (Belfast). 81: ICL (Dublin) B. 80: Calor No 1. 78: Imperial Tobacco Ltd. 78: Wellington Park Hotel. 77: David Patton & Sons (NI); Barlo Heating; McClure Waters; Kingspan Building Products Ltd; Short Brothers plc. 76: Sherwood Systems Ltd. 75: Grant Group plc. 73: NICS Sports Association. 67: Sunblest Bakeries. No Return: ICL (Belfast).

COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 3.0 unless stated

Pools coupon numbers in brackets

FA Carling Premiership

(1) Aston Villa v Chelsea
(2) Blackburn v Southampton
(3) Bolton v Everton
(4) Leeds v Arsenal
(5) Liverpool v Coventry
(6) Man Utd v Manchester City
(7) QPR v Newcastle
(8) Tottenham v Nottingham Forest

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Newcastle	8	7	0	1	17	4	21
Aston Villa	8	5	2	1	12	5	17
Man Utd	8	5	2	1	18	10	17
Liverpool	8	5	1	2	15	7	16
Leeds	8	5	1	2	14	9	16
Arsenal	8	4	3	1	10	5	15
Middlesbrough	8	4	3	1	9	4	15
Nottm Forest	8	3	5	0	14	9	14
Tottenham	8	4	2	2	14	11	14
Chelsea	8	3	3	2	9	7	12
Wimbledon	8	3	1	4	13	18	10
QPR	8	3	0	5	7	12	9
Sheff Wed	8	2	2	4	8	11	8
Blackburn	8	2	1	5	10	13	7
Everton	8	2	1	5	10	13	7
West Ham	8	1	3	4	7	11	6
Southampton	8	1	3	4	7	14	6
Coventry	8	1	3	4	7	17	6
Bolton	8	1	1	6	8	18	4
Man City	8	0	1	7	3	14	1

Endsleigh Insurance League

First division

(—) Derby v Ipswich
(9) Grimsby v Oldham
(10) Leicester v Charlton
(11) Luton v West Bromwich
(—) Millwall v Tranmere
(12) Norwich v Barnsley
(13) Portsmouth v Birmingham
(14) Reading v Huddersfield
(15) Southend v Sheffield Utd
(16) Sunderland v Watford
(—) Wolverhampton v Stoke

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Leicester	11	6	3	2	18	13	21
Millwall	11	6	3	2	11	7	21
Sunderland	11	5	4	2	13	10	19
Barnsley	11	5	3	3	18	21	18
West Brom	11	5	3	3	15	11	18
Birmingham	11	4	4	3	18	12	16
Tranmere	10	4	4	2	15	10	16
Charlton	11	4	4	3	15	11	16
Oldham	11	4	4	3	15	11	16
Huddersfield	11	5	1	5	15	16	16
Norwich	11	4	4	3	14	12	16
Grimsby	11	4	4	3	11	13	16
Ipswich	11	4	3	4	19	18	15
Southend	11	4	2	5	10	12	14
Wolves	11	3	4	4	15	14	13
Derby	11	3	4	4	12	15	13
Watford	11	3	3	5	14	15	12
Reading	11	2	6	3	13	15	12
Sheff Utd	11	3	2	6	15	20	11
Crystal Palace	10	2	5	3	10	12	11
Stoke	11	2	5	4	10	16	11
Portsmouth	11	2	4	5	14	18	10
Port Vale	11	2	4	5	9	13	10
Luton	11	2	3	6	8	14	9

Second division

(17) Blackpool v Chesterfield
(18) Bournemouth v Burnley
(19) Bradford v Bristol Rovers
(20) Brighton v Swindon
(21) Bristol City v Hull
(22) Crewe v Carlisle
(23) Notts County v Rotherham
(24) Peterborough v Swansea
(25) Shrewsbury v York
(26) Stockport v Brentford
(27) Wrexham v Oxford Utd
(28) Wycombe v Walsall

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Swindon	11	8	2	1	23	8	26
Blackpool	11	7	1	3	17	11	22
Crewe	10	6	3	1	21	10	21
Bradford	11	6	1	4	15	16	19
Notts County	11	5	4	2	12	8	19
Stockport	11	5	3	3	13	8	18
Chesterfield	11	5	2	4	18	12	17
Oxford Utd	11	4	5	2	15	8	17
Bristol Rovers	11	5	2	4	15	14	17
Bournemouth	11	5	1	5	15	16	16
Burnley	11	4	4	3	13	12	16
Rotherham	11	4	3	4	14	13	15
Wycombe	11	3	6	2	13	10	15
York	11	4	2	5	12	14	14
Walsall	11	3	4	4	13	12	13
Peterborough	11	3	4	4	13	17	13
Swansea	11	3	4	4	13	17	13
Wrexham	11	2	5	4	12	15	11
Brentford	11	3	2	6	7	12	11
Carlisle	11	2	4	5	10	16	10
Brighton	11	2	3	6	10	17	9
Shrewsbury	11	2	2	7	13	22	8
Bristol City	10	1	5	4	8	14	8
Hull	11	1	4	6	8	14	7

Third division

(29) Cardiff v Barnet
(30) Darlington v Gillingham
(31) Doncaster v Hereford
(32) Exeter v Wigan
(33) Fulham v Bury
(34) Hartlepool v Scunthorpe
(35) Leyton Orient v Chester
(36) Mansfield v Plymouth
(37) Northampton v Cambridge Utd
(38) Rochdale v Colchester
(39) Scarborough v Lincoln
(40) Torquay v Preston

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Gillingham	11	7	3	1	17	4	24
Chester	11	6	2	3	19	13	20
Cambridge Utd	11	5	4	2	21	17	19
Plymouth	11	6	1	4	20	11	19
Leyton Orient	11	5	4	2	17	11	19
Rochdale	11	5	3	3	20	12	18
Colchester	11	5	3	3	19	13	18
Preston	11	4	6	1	19	14	18
Doncaster	11	5	2	4	11	13	17
Exeter	11	4	4	3	13	12	16
Northampton	11	4	3	4	14	13	15
Fulham	11	3	4	4	18	17	13
Mansfield	11	2	7	2	18	17	13
Hereford	11	3	4	4	17	17	13
Wigan	11	3	4	4	13	17	13
Bury	11	3	4	4	13	22	13
Scarborough	11	3	3	5	13	17	12
Darlington	11	2	6	3	12	12	12
Cardiff	11	3	3	5	12	13	12
Hartlepool	11	3	3	5	10	20	12
Scunthorpe	11	2	5	4	11	13	11
Torquay	11	2	4	5	11	15	10
Barnet	11	2	4	5	11	17	10
Lincoln	11	1	2	8	10	29	5

Vauxhall Conference

(—) Bath v Hednesford
(—) Bromsgrove v Farnborough
(—) Dover v Runcorn
(—) Gateshead v Dagenham and R
(—) Halifax v Stevenage
(—) Morecambe v Kettering
(—) Northwich v Kidderminster
(—) Slough v Macclesfield
(—) Southport v Telford
(—) Stalybridge v Welling
(—) Woking v Altrincham

Bell's Scottish League

Premier division

(41) Celtic v Hibernian
(42) Falkirk v Kilmarnock
(43) Hearts v Raith
(44) Motherwell v Aberdeen
(45) Partick v Rangers

First division

(46) Airdrie v Clydebank
(47) Dundee Utd v St Johnstone
(48) Dunfermline v Dundee
(49) Greenock Morton v Hamilton
(50) St Mirren v Dumbarton

Second division

(51) Ayr v Stenhousemuir
(52) East Fife v Clyde
(53) Montrose v Berwick
(54) Stirling v Queen Of South
(55) Stranraer v Forfar

Third division

(56) Albion v East Stirling
(57) Alloa v Ross County
(58) Arbroath v Queen's Park
(—) Caley This v Cowdenbeath
(—) Livingston v Brechin

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Cambridge City v Cheltenham, Gloucester v Worcester; Gravesend and Northfleet v Ilkeston; Gresley v Rushden and Diamonds; Halesowen v Newport AFC; Merthyr v Burton; Stafford v Dorchester; VS Rugby v Chelmsford. Midland division: Evesham v Dudley Town; Rothwell v Corby.

ICIS LEAGUE: Premier division: Aylesbury v Kingstonian; Boreham Wood v Grays; Bromley v Molesey; Enfield v Hayes; St Albans v Yeovil; Yeading v Sutton United. First division: Aldershot Town v Oxford City. Second division: Bedford Town v Bracknell; Canvey Island v Witham; Cheshunt v Chalfont St Peter; Croydon v Saffron Walden; Dorking v Hampton; Leatherhead v Egham; Metropolitan Police v Edgware; Tilbury v Hungerford; Ware v Hemel Hempstead; Wivenhoe v Collier Row. Third division: Aveley v Wingate and Finchley; Clapton v Leighton; Cove v Flackwell Heath; Harlow v Southall; Hertford v Harefield; Kingsbury v Hornchurch; Tring v East Thurrock; Wealdstone v Horsham, Windsor and Eton v Camberley.

MINERVA SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Premier division: Dunstable v Langford; Brache Sparta v Hoddesdon; Letchworth v Biggleswade; Milton Keynes v Arlesey Town.

FA UMBRO TROPHY: First qualifying round: Abingdon Town v Bishop's Stortford; Accrington Stanley v Bradford PA, Alfreton Town v Congleton Town, Ashford Town v Sudbury Town; Atherstone v Lincoln Utd; Atherton LR v Chorley; Barking v Baldock Town; Barrow v Hinckley Town; Barton Rovers v Crawley Town, Bashley v Margate, Berkhamsted Town v Purfleet; Billericay Town v Wembley; Bridgnorth Town v Leigh RMI. Buckingham Town v Braintree Town; Bury Town v Trowbridge Town; Carshalton v Dulwich; Chertsey Town v Poole Town; Curzon Ashton v Worksop, Droylsden v Matlock; Erith and Belvedere v Basingstoke; Fareham Town v Maidenhead; Farsley v Bedworth Utd, Fleetwood v Whitley Bay; Forest Green v Sittingbourne, Harrogate Town v Grantham, Harrow Borough v Marlow; Hastings v Havant; Hendon v Waterlooville, King's Lynn v Uxbridge; Knowsley v Moor Green; Lancaster v Solihull; Leyton Pennant v Fleet Town; Newport IoW v Chesham; RC Warwick v Warrington Town; Radcliffe Borough v Redditch Utd; Ruislip Manor v Cinderford Town; Salisbury v Fisher; Staines v Wokingham; Stourbridge v Frickley; Sutton Coldfield v Bilston Town, Weston-super-Mare v Bognor Regis; Weymouth v Tonbridge, Whyteleafe v Tooting and Mitcham, Winsford Utd v Paget Rangers; Workington v Leicester Utd, Worthing v Thame United. Yate Town v Witney Town.

LEAGUE OF WALES: Bangor City v Ton Pentre; Cwmbran v Newtown (2.30), Holywell v Ebbw Vale (2.30); Llansantffraid v Flint Town.

WELSH CUP: Second round: Aberaman v Llandrindod Wells; Ammanford v Cardiff Corinthians, Briton Ferry Athletic v Pontardawe Athletic; Brymbo v Conwy; Connah's Quay Nomads v Welshpool, Ebbw Vale v BP Llandarcy; Goytre v Penrhiwceiber; Llandudno v Mostyn; Llandyrnog v Buckley; Llanrwst v Cemaes Bay; Maesteg Park v Morriston, Nantlle Vale v Caersws; Newport YMCA v Pontypridd, Oswestry v Chirk; Porthmadog v Mold Alex; Porth Tywyn v Taffs Well; Port Talbot Athletic v Aberystwyth; Rhayader v Abergavenny Thursdays; Ruthin v Lex XI, Penparcau v Rhyl; Treowen Stars v Llanelli; AFC Porth v Grange Harlequins.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Fulham v Chelsea; Gillingham v Charlton; Ipswich v Cambridge Utd; Leyton Orient v Watford; Millwall v Queens Park Rangers; Norwich v Tottenham Hotspur; Portsmouth v West Ham; Southend v Arsenal. Second division: Barnet v Brighton and Hove; Bristol Rovers v Bournemouth; Colchester v Reading; Crystal Palace v Oxford Utd; Luton v Brentford; Southampton v Wimbledon; Swindon v Wycombe; Tottenham v Bristol City.

UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division: Bamber Bridge v Boston; Bishop Auckland v Marine, Buxton v Hyde; Emley v Leek. Gainsborough v Spennymoor. Guiseley v Colwyn Bay, Witton v Blyth Spartans. First division: Gretna v Ashton United: Netherfield v Eastwood Town.

ESSEX SENIOR LEAGUE: Premier division: Basildon Utd v Great Wakering, Burnham Ramblers v Bowers, Concord v Eton Manor; East Ham v Brentwood, Hullbridge Sports v Stansted. Cup: First round: Southend Manor v Barkingside, Ford United v Maldon.

ENDSLEIGH MIDLAND COMBINATION: Premier division: Ansells v Massey Ferguson; Bloxwich v Shirley, Chelmsley v Handrahan Timbers: Coventry Sphinx v West Midland Fire Service, King's Heath v Studley BKL; Olton Royale v Alvechurch Villa: Southam v Northfield; Upton v Highgate.

COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Bedfont v Godalming and Guildford; Chipstead v Reading; DCA Basingstoke v Viking Sports. Eton Wick v Hartley Wintney, Feltham v Sandhurst, Horley v Ash; Peppard v Ashford

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Les Phillips Cup: First round: Bridgwater v Clyst, Larkhall v Paulton; Melksham v Bridport; Odd Down v Devizes; Tiverton v Welton. Premier division: Barnstaple v Chippenham; Bideford v Elmore; Brislington v Westbury; Calne v Torrington; Mangotsfield v Taunton.

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division; Lowestoft v Harwich and Parkeston. Cup: First round: Chatteris v Watton; Clacton v Brightlingsea. Diss v Swaffham; Downham v Warboys. Gorleston v Ely; Halstead v Wroxham; Histon v Somersham; Ipswich v Sudbury; March v Felixstowe; Stowmarket v Cornard. Sudbury v Hadleigh; Tiptree v Stanway: Woodbridge v Thetford.

JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: Aerostructures v Gosport; Lymington v Bemerton Heath, Totton v Ryde Sports; Bournemouth v Swanage and Herston; Brockenhurst v Thatcham, Cowes Sports v Eastleigh; Downton v Andover; East Cowes v Whitchurch, Portsmouth v Wimborne

UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Burgess Hill v Portfield: Crowborough v Whitehawk; Eastbourne Town v Three Bridges: Pagham v Oakwood; Ringmer v Southwick: Shoreham v Hailsham, Wick v Stamco.

HELLENIC LEAGUE: Premier division Cup: Almondsbury v Shortwood, Banbury v Tuffley; Bicester v Carterton; Didcot v Burnham; Endsleigh v Brackley; Fairford v Cirencester. Highworth v Swindon Supermarine, North Leigh v Lambourne Sports.

LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Hanwell v Hillingdon, Waltham Abbey v Beaconsfield SYCOB.

BANKS'S BREWERY LEAGUE: Premier division: Bloxwich v Wolverhampton, Brierley Hill v Malvern, Darlaston v Lye Town, Ettingshall v Stourport; Gornal v Westfields: Lichfield v Cradley Town. Ludlow v Pelsall, Tividale v Stafford Walsall Wood v Wednesfield

FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Bedlington Terriers v Guisborough, Billingham v Murton Chester-le-Street v Crook, Dunston Federation v Stockton, Eppleton CW v Whickham Ferryhill v Shildon, Peterlee v West Auckland, RTM Newcastle v Consett, Tow Law v Whitby.

NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Blackpool Rovers v Eastwood, Burscough v Nantwich, Chadderton v Clitheroe, Flixton v Mossley. Glossop North End v Darwen, Kidsgrove v Holker Old Boys: Prescot v Newcastle Town, Rossendale v Skelmersdale St Helens v Bootle, Salford v Trafford

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Bangor v Linfield. Cliftonville v Glentoran, Crusaders v Glenavon. Portadown v Ards

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Galway v Derry (7.0).

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Arsenal v Crystal Palace

SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE: First division: South Bank v Old Esthameians. Second division: Alexandra Park v Old Stationers; Barclays Bank v Polytechnic. Old Parkonians v Lensbury: Old Parmiterians v Old Latymerians. Third division: Bank of England v Alleyn OB. Broomfield v Merton; Ibis v Cuaco, Reigate Priory v Southgate Olympic.

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Aldenhamians v Foresters Lancing v Chigwellians, Reptonians v Etonians First division: Haberdashers v Harrovians Wellingburians v Ardinians, Westminsters v Haileyburians Wykehamists v Witleians.

SOUTHERN OLYMPIAN LEAGUE: Senior one: Albanian v Old Owens. Hale End v Nottsborough, Old Grammarians v St Mary's College Senior two: City of London v Corinthian-Casuals; Honourable Artillery Company v Old Beaconians, UCL Academicals v Old Woodhouseians.

OLD BOYS LEAGUE: Premier division: Old Danes v Old Meadonians. Old Hamptonians v Glyn, Old Tenisonians v Old Isleworthians Senior first division: Old Kingsburians v Old Tenisonians Old Manorians v Old Vaughanians; Old Wilsonians v Old Salvatorians Shene v Chertsey

SCHOOLS MATCHES (10.30 unless stated) English Schools Fuji Film Trophy: Second round: Barnet v North Hertfordshire Blackburn v Bury, Bradford v Huddersfield, Burnley v Mid-Cheshire, Carlisle v Gateshead. East Durham v Newcastle, East Northumberland v Allerdale. Gravesham v South East Sussex; Hartlepool v Darlington, Hyndburn v Oldham. Hambleton and Richmond v York; Hackney v South London, Harlow v Norwich. Maidstone v Woking; Middlesbrough v Chester-le-Street. Newham v Basildon. North Tyneside v South Lakes Salford v Preston; Shepway v North Sussex. Lincoln v Northampton. Halesowen and Stourbridge v Walsall (10.0), South East Derbyshire v South Peak. South Leicester v Derby. South Northamptonshire v Nottingham. South Nottinghamshire v Scunthorpe. Solihull v Stoke (10.0), Spen Valley v Leeds. South East Essex v Havering; South Bedfordshire v Harrow, South Sussex v Ouse Valley; Sutton v Worthing, Warley v Birmingham (10.15). West Sussex v Bromley; West Bromwich v Urdington and Saltley (10.0). Worcester v Nuneaton, Wigan v Wirral Wrexham v West Lancashire London Hawks Trophy: Under-18: Croydon v Luton, Harlow v Havering. South London v Waltham Forest. London Thornton Trophy: Final: Islington v West London Oxford United Cup: Final: East Berkshire v Gospel Hampshire President League: Basingstoke v Andover, Portsmouth v Gosport. Southampton v Isle of Wight. Hartlepool Hospital Cup: Derwentside v North Tyneside. Inter Association: Chester v Chorley, Hackney v Bexley. Sheffield v Chesterfield

RUGBY LEAGUE

Halifax World Cup

Group one

Australia v Fiji (at Huddersfield, 2.0)
England v South Africa (at Headingley, 7.0)

ICE HOCKEY

BENSON AND HEDGES CUP: Quarter-finals: First leg: Basingstoke Bison v Nottingham Panthers (6.30). Fife Flyers v Newcastle (7.15) Humberside Hawks v Durham Wasps (5.45)

BRITISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Milton Keynes Kings v Slough (6.30). First division: Blackburn v Chelmsford (6.0). Dumfries v Bracknell Bees (7.15). Guildford v Manchester Storm (6.0); Medway Bears v Murrayfield Racers (6.0); Paisley v Billingham Bombers (7.0), Swindon v Solihull (5.30). Telford v Peterborough (7.30)

RUGBY UNION

Kick-off 3.0 unless stated

Courage Clubs Championship

First division

Bath v Bristol
Gloucester v Wasps
Leicester v Orrell
Sale v Harlequins (2.15)
Saracens v West Hartlepool (2.30)

Second division

London Irish v Wakefield
London Scottish v Bedford
Moseley v Nottingham
Newcastle Gosforth v Waterloo
Northampton v Blackheath

Third division

Coventry v Rosslyn Park
Harrogate v Fylde
Otley v Rotherham
Reading v Morley
Rugby v Richmond

Fourth division

Aspatria v Exeter (2.30)
Clifton v Leeds
Havant v Liverpool St Helens
Plymouth v Walsall
Redruth v London Welsh

Fifth division north

Birmingham Solihull v Worcester
Lichfield v Winnington Park
Nuneaton v Stoke
Preston Grasshoppers v Broughton Park
Sheffield v Stourbridge
Wharfedale v Sandal

Fifth division south

Askeans v Lydney
Barking v High Wycombe
Camberley v Camborne
Henley v North Walsham
Metropolitan Police v Cheltenham
Tabard v Weston-super-Mare

LONDON 1: Basingstoke v Old Colfeians. Charlton Park v Esher, Harlow v Guildford and Godalming, Staines v Southend; Sudbury v Ealing; Sutton and Epsom v Ruislip

MIDLANDS 1: Barkers Butts v Whitchurch, Broadstreet v Syston. Burton v Camp Hill; Leamington v Wolverhampton, Mansfield v Hereford, Westleigh v Leighton Buzzard

NORTH 1: Bridlington v Bradford and Bingley; Hull Ionians v Manchester, Macclesfield v Widnes, Middlesbrough v York, Tynedale v Huddersfield, Wigton v West Park Bramhope

SOUTH WEST 1: Barnstaple v Matson, Bridgwater v Brixham. Newbury v Maidenhead, Salisbury v Sherborne. St Ives v Torquay, Taunton v Gloucester Old Boys

Heineken League

Kick-off 2.30

First division

Ebbw Vale v Cardiff
Llanelli v Newbridge
Neath v Bridgend
Pontypridd v Abertillery
Swansea v Newport
Treorchy v Aberavon

Second division

Abercynon v South Wales Police
Bonymaen v Dunvant
Cross Keys v Llandovery
Llanharan v Maesteg
Pontypool v Tenby Utd
Ystradgynlais v Caerphilly

THIRD DIVISION: Blaina v Tondu. Builth Wells v Blackwood, Cardiff Institute v Kenfig Hill. Narberth v Pyle, Penarth v Glamorgan Wanderers, Tredegar v Mountain Ash.

Tennents Championship

First division

Edinburgh Acads v Boroughmuir
Hawick v Stirling County
Melrose v Heriot's FP
Watsonians v Gala

Second division

Glasgow H K v Jed-Forest
Kelso v Currie
Stewart's Mel FP v Dundee HSFP
West of Scotland v Selkirk

THIRD DIVISION: Biggar v Preston Lodge, Kirkcaldy v Grangemouth; Musselburgh v Glasgow Academicals, Peebles v Corstorphine

FOURTH DIVISION: Haddington v Glasgow Southern; Kilmarnock v Gordonians; Langholm v Edinburgh Wanderers, Wigtownshire v Ayr

Insurance Corporation League

Kick-off 2.30

First division

Cork Constitution v Instonians
Garryowen v Ballymena
Old Belvedere v Young Munster
Shannon v Blackrock College

Second division

Bective Rangers v Dolphin
Dungannon v Old Crescent
Greystones v Clontarf
Sunday's Well v Terenure College
Wanderers v NIFC

HOCKEY

MEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Surbiton v Indian Gymkhana (Sugden Road, 2.30)

NORTH LEAGUE: First division: Halifax v Southport. Norton v Harrogate. Sheffield Bankers v Neston; Timperley v Ben Rhydding: Warrington v Formby

DTZ LEAGUE: Premier division: Hampton in Arden v Bridgnorth. Harborne v Bloxwich, Khalsa v John Player; Loughborough Student v Belper. Nottingham v North Notts

ADNAMS EAST LEAGUE: Premier division A: Cambridge City v Chelmsford. Cambridge University v Bury St Edmunds. Ipswich v Colchester, Peterborough Town v Bedford Town, Redbridge and Ilford v Bishop's Stortford Premier division B: Ipswich and East Suffolk v Old Southendian, Luton Town v Brentwood: Romford v Norwich City, Sudbury v Dereham, Westcliff v Clacton.

NASTRO AZZURRO LEAGUE: Premier division: Anchorians v Old Walcountians, Beckenham v Lewes; Fareham v Winchester. Gore Court v Bournemouth, Newbury v Wimbledon, Old Kingstonians v Ashford, Oxford Hawks v Maidenhead. Spencer v Lions, Woking v Chichester. Wokingham v High Wycombe Kent/Sussex: Horsham v Bexley Invicta, Marden Russets v Herne Bay, Middleton v Belvedere. Mid Sussex v Bexleyheath; Old Beccehamians v Tunbridge Wells, Old Bordenians v Crawley, Old Holcombeians v Blackheath; Old Williamsonians v Brighton, Sevenoaks v Worthing, Tulse Hill v Bognor Middx/Berks/Bucks and Oxon: Hayes v City of Oxford. HCC v Eastcote, Hendon v Harrow, Marlow v Richings Park, Mill Hill v Bracknell. Milton Keynes v Headington, NPL v Amersham, OMT v ETESSA, PHC Chiswick v Staines. Ramgarhia v Sunbury, Hampshire/Surrey: Andover v Old Edwardians; Basingstoke v Old Whitgiftians, Blandford v Dulwich, Old Cranleighans v London University; Old Mid-Whitgiftians v Barnes; Oxshott v Epsom, Oxted v Purley, Petersfield v Cheam, Southampton v Camberley; Walton and Weybridge v Purley.

SUN LIFE MEN'S WEST LEAGUE: First division: Exeter University v Cheltenham; Robinsons v Bristol, Taunton Vale v Whitchurch. Plymouth v Bath Buccs, Swansea v Weston-super-Mare

WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Bracknell v Balsam Leicester; Clifton v Ipswich; Slough v Doncaster, Sutton Canada Life v Hightown First division: Bluharts v Canterbury; Bradford Swithenbank v Wimbledon; Exmouth v Chelmsford. Second division: Aldridge v Sherwood; Loughborough v Ealing, Olton v Reading; St Albans v Woking.

LACROSSE

SHEPHERDS FRIENDLY SOCIETY LEAGUE: Premier division: Cheadle v Sheffield Steelers; Boardman and Eccles v Hulmeians. Heaton Mersey v Old Waconians; Stockport v Mellor, Cheadle Hulme v Timperley.

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Budweiser League: Manchester v Leicester (7.30); Thames Valley v Newcastle (8.0) 7-Up Trophy: Hemel v Worthing (7.30).

CANOEING: National championship series (Holme Pierrepont, Nottingham).

CYCLING: Norlond Combine (25 miles, Tempsford, 2.0).

GOLF: Toyota World Match Play championship (Wentworth)

SPEEDWAY: Premier League riders' championship (Swindon, 7.0).

VOLLEYBALL: Women: First division. Leeds v Sheffield (4.30).

TOMORROW

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 3.0 unless stated

FA Carling Premiership

Sheff Wed v Middlesbrough (4.0)

Endsleigh Insurance League

First division

Port Vale v Crystal Palace (2.55)

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Shamrock v Athlone (3.15); UCD v Drogheda (3.15).

FA WOMEN'S PREMIER LEAGUE: National League: Arsenal v Everton, Croydon v Millwall Lionesses; Liverpool FC Ladies v Ilkeston; Villa Aztecs v Doncaster Belles; Wembley v Wolverhampton. UK Living Women's FA Cup: Second round: Doncaster v Middlesbrough; Kinburst v Barnsley; RTM Newcastle v Newcastle; Bronte v Preston Rangers; Amble v Huddersfield; Sheffield Wednesday v Sheffield Hallam; Sunderland v Wakefield; Wrexham v Manchester; Radcliffe v Bangor Girls; Leicester v Oldham; Whalley v Highfield; Coventry v Chesterfield; Garswood St Helens v Bradford; Liverpool Feds v Birmingham; Dunstable v Blackburn, Rochdale v Tranmere; Notts County v Manchester Belle Vue; Mill Hill v Colchester Royals; Colchester v Langford; Camberley v, Dulwich Hamlet; Denham v Leighton Linslade; Barnet v St George's; Brentford v Leyton Orient; Palace Eagles v Leatherhead; Cambridge Utd v Newham; Tottenham Hotspur v Enfield; Whitehawk v Wimbledon; Town and County v Chelsea, Bedford Belle v Collier Row. Clacton v Brighton and Hove, Canary Racers v Harlow, Berkhamsted v Fulham; Ipswich v Three Bridges; Plymouth Pilgrims v Swindon, Bournemouth v Thame Utd; Sherborne v Worcester; Bracknell v Binfield, Swindon Spitfires v Farnborough, Bristol City v Southampton Saints; Truro v Oxford Utd; Frome v Thames Valley, Cheltenham YMCA v Barry; Inter Cardiff v Kidderminster

SUBURBAN CHALLENGE SHIELD: Group match: Woking v Aldershot Town

RUGBY LEAGUE

Halifax World Cup

Group three

Wales v Western Samoa (at Vetch Field, Swansea, 6.0)

RUGBY UNION

Insurance Corporation League

First division

Old Wesley v Lansdowne (2.30)

HOCKEY

MEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Barford Tigers v East Grinstead (Holyhead Leisure Centre, 1.0); Bournville v Trojans (Birmingham University, 2.30); Cannock v Stourport (Morris Ground, 2.30). Canterbury v Hull (Polo Farm, 1.0); Havant v Old Loughtonians (Havant College, 2.15). Hounslow v Guildford (Dukes Meadow, Chiswick, 2.0); Southgate v Reading (Broomfield School, 2.0); Teddington v St Albans (Teddington School, 1.30). Second division: Beeston v Harleston Magpies (Highfields, Nottingham, 2.0); Blueharts v Richmond (Hitchen Boys School, 2.0); Bromley v Slough (Priory Leisure Centre, 1.30), Brooklands v Gloucester City (Georges Road, Sale, 1.45). City of Portsmouth v Oxford University (Mountbatten Centre, 1.30); Crostyx v Olton and West Warwickshire (Chigwell, 1.0). Firebrands v Isca (Longwood, Bristol, 2.0). Hampstead and Westminster v Doncaster (Paddington Recreation Ground, 12.30). Sheffield v Edgbaston (Abbeydale Park, 2.30).

AEWHA CUP: First round: Amersham v Fareham. Basingstoke v Middleton, Belvedere v Bradfield College. Bishop's Stortford v Letchworth; Bloxwich v North Notts, Bowdon v Swalwell. Brentwood v Chelmsford, Cambridge City v Clacton. Chesterfield v Yardley; Coalville v Hampton Colchester v Pelicans; Dereham v Spalding; Didsbury Northern v Formby, Glaxo v Ben Rhydding, Gore Court v Slaines, Guernsey v West Gloucester; Halifax v Blackburn; Harborne v Worcester Norton, Headington v Old Midwhitgiftians; Lansdown v Weston-super-Mare, Leicester Thursday v Nottingham; Leominster v Sidmouth, Lewes v Eastcote; Lions v Ramgarhia (Middx). Liverpool Sefton v Harrogate, Long Sutton v Welwyn Garden City: Luton Town v Hertford; Mansfield v Wednesbury Part two: Marlow v Andover, Mid Sussex v Chichester. Neston v Southport. Northampton Saints v Khalsa, Norton v Stockton, Old Edwardians v Ashford, Old Halesonians v Belper, Old Kingstonians v Sunbury: Old Whitgiftians v Wimbledon, Oxford Hawks v Old Walcountians; Penzance v Bournemouth, REME v Maidenhead; Redbridge and Ilford v Peterborough, Robinsons v West Wilts, Sheffield Bakers v RAF Eagles; Sudbury v Ipswich, Tulse Hill v Barnes; Tunbridge Wells v Maidstone; US Plymouth v Plymouth, Wakefield v Ramsey (IoM); Wallington v Blackheath. Warrington v Chester. Warwick v Shrewsbury. Westbury and UB v Bath Buccaneers, Winchester v High Wycombe. Woking v Sevenoaks. Wokingham v Walton Hawks. York v Timperley.

ICE HOCKEY

BENSON AND HEDGES CUP: Quarter-finals: Second leg: Durham v Humberside (6.30) Newcastle v Fife (6.30), Nottingham v Basingstoke (7.30), Sheffield v Cardiff (6.30).

BRITISH LEAGUE: First division: Billingham v Swindon (5.15), Chelmsford v Dumfries (6.30); Manchester v Murrayfield (6.30), Medway v Blackburn (5.15). Paisley v Telford (6.30): Peterborough v Guildford (6.0); Solihull v Bracknell (7.0)

OTHER SPORT

ATHLETICS: Bupa Great Midland Run (Coventry)

BASKETBALL: Budweiser League: Sheffield v Chester (6.15)

CANOEING: National championship series (Holme Pierrepont, Nottingham)

CYCLING: Lancashire RC hill climb (The Rake, Ramsbottom, 12.30).

GOLF: Toyota World Match Play championship (Wentworth).

MOTOR SPORT: Formula Three championship (Thruxton).

SPEEDWAY: Premier League: Coventry v Wolverhampton (5.0); Cradley Heath v Oxford (2.30); Glasgow v Bradford (6.30); King's Lynn v Swindon (5.30). British Academy: Mildenhall v Buxton (3.0)

VOLLEYBALL: Women: First division: Guildford v Liverpool (2.30); London v Wessex (1.30); Birmingham v Salford (12.45); Orpington v Britannia Music City

Unbeaten colt 9-4 for Guineas after impressive victory

Alhaarth full of classic promise

BY RICHARD EVANS
RACING CORRESPONDENT

SUPERLATIVES are easy to utter, but often embarrassing to recant. Twelve months after Celtic Swing launched a thousand ill-fated dreams, Alhaarth was yesterday accorded the ultimate accolade when he won the Generous Dewhurst Stakes at Newmarket in the style of a future classic winner.

However, there is a vital difference between the misplaced hype of 1994 and the claims being made on behalf of the Hamdan Al-Maktoum-owned colt whose air of invincibility and battling qualities are neatly summed up in a translation of his Arabic name — Bold Warrior.

This time the evidence for suggesting Alhaarth might just be an equine superstar is provided by two of the wisest and most experienced racing professionals in Britain.

Willie Carson, winner of 18 domestic classics, was succinct in his admiration. "He is as good a two-year-old as I have ever ridden. He is a professional horse, a champion. What more can we say."

If you think the feet of the diminutive Scot were not touching Newmarket's turf when he spoke, then consider the view of Dick Hern when asked to compare Alhaarth with the glittering array of two-year-olds that have passed through his hands since he began training in 1957. Hern, who has sent out more classic winners than any other licensed trainer, said: "He must be one of the best. I can't remember a better one."

With that testimony following on from a race where defeat never looked a possibility, it was no surprise to see the bookmakers running for cover. William Hill dared to offer 3-1 against Alhaarth for the 2,000 Guineas only to see their liabilities multiply within minutes. They soon joined Coral in offering 9-4, while Ladbrokes go 2-1.

The story of the race is simply told. Albaha fulfilled his pacemaking role as best he could, although his top gear hardly got Alhaarth out of a canter. For three furlongs, Alhaarth cruised behind the leader along the stands' rail, followed by Danehill Dancer and Tagula.

"The pacemaker was not going fast enough. I moved Alhaarth out from the inside slightly and he got the message. I wanted to go. I didn't, but it was my fault and my fellow has taken off," Carson admitted.

However, the further he went, the more impressive Alhaarth appeared. With Pat Eddery at his strongest on the unbeaten Danehill Dancer, the gap may have been reduced to a length two furlongs from home but, with Carson giving his mount just one flick with the whip, he eased away from his pursuers in effortless style to win by 2½ lengths.

The winning time was almost a second and a half faster than that achieved earlier by Bint Salsabil when winning the Rockfel Stakes.

Provided Alhaarth winters well, the 2,000 Guineas would appear to be his for the taking. However, the abundance of speed which he has displayed raises a question mark over his chances in the Derby, for which he is 3-1 favourite.

"The Derby has got to be a question mark. He has a lot of speed and is out of an Irish River mare which gives you a slight doubt. We won't know the answer to next year but if I was a betting person I would leave the Derby to later on," Carson said.

The prize-money won by Bint Salsabil and the runner-up, Parrot Jungle, in the Rockfel Stakes, plus Singing Patriarch's Catterick win, helped John Dunlop to draw almost level with Saeed bin Suroor in the race for the trainers' title. The Arundel trainer has sound prospects of winning today's Champion Stakes with Bahri and Salaman in the Cesarewitch. Dunlop looks an even bigger certainty than Alhaarth to be a champion in his own right.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Carson gives a whip salute after Alhaarth's decisive victory in the Dewhurst Stakes at Newmarket yesterday

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: TORCH VERT
(3.00 Newmarket)
Next best: Royale Figurine
(4.45 Newmarket)

STRATFORD

THUNDERER
2.25 Chris's Glen. 2.55 Zahid. 3.25 Rainbow Castle. 4.00 Rafters. 4.35 Scoresheet. 5.05 Time Won't Wait. 5.40 Picket Piece.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS

2.25 BM LTD LADY RIDERS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,388: 2m 110yd) (9 runners)

1 434- SHAHGRAM 157 (S) P Beaumont 7-12-0 Mrs A Farrell
2 421P DAYS OF THUNDER 23 (D,F,G) J White 7-11-13 Sophie Mitchell (5)
3 P-22 SEA BREAKER 77 (F) D Carroll 7-11-12 Mrs F Needham (7)
4 2509 ROYAL CIRCUS 10 (D,F,G) P Hiatt 6-11-8 Miss E J Jones (7)
5 -222 LAWNSWOOD JUNIOR 7 (BF,F) J Spearing 8-11-8 Miss T Spearing (7)
6 P-21 PLEASURE TRICK 10 (B) N Tinkler 4-11-0 Mrs A Parrett (3)
7 10-3 CHRIS'S GLEN 14 (V,D,F) J Bradley 6-10-18 Miss P Jones (5)
8 /61 RELATED SOUND 10 (G) M Barraclough 9-10-7 —
9 203P KATBALLOU 35 K Wingrove 6-10-0 Ann Stokell

3-1 Pleasure Trick, 4-1 Shahgram, 5-1 Lawnswood Junior, Chris's Glen, 6-1 Days Of Thunder, 7-1 Royal Circus, 8-1 others.

2.55 TARMAC CONSTRUCTION WOLVERHAMPTON SELLING HURDLE (£2,556: 2m 110yd) (13)

1 1205 LAKE DOMINION 44 (CD,F,G) J White 6-11-12 P McLoughlin (3)
2 6/5- CAPTAIN MARMALADE 14F D Thom 6-11-2 R Massey
3 0PP- FAEZ 4F (B) R Simpson 5-11-2 B Clifford
4 B HARRY FROM BARRY 11 P Hobbs 7-11-2 Peter Hobbs
5 HEAD FOR HEAVEN 39F R Hood 5-11-2 A S Smith
6 425- PRESTON GUILD 11F A Streeter 5-11-2 T Eley
7 604- TONY'S MIST 98F J Bradley 5-11-2 R Farrant
8 TOP SLICE 669F W Mann 7-11-2 Mr D Verco
9 46-3 BEE DEE BEST 14 J Smith 4-11-1 D Bentley
10 0 KNIGHTRIDER 14 C Broad 4-11-1 G Hogan (5)
11 22 ZAHID 14 K Burke 4-11-1 A Larnach (3)
12 AWFULLY RISKY 421F P Evans 4-10-10 W Marston
13 WHARFEDALE MUSIC 70F M Pipe 4-10-10 J Lower

7-2 Captain Marmalade, 9-2 Zahid, 5-1 Wharfedale Music, 6-1 Harry From Barry, 7-1 Preston Guild, 8-1 Tony's Mist, 10-1 Lake Dominion, 12-1 others.

3.25 LAMBERT SMITH HAMPTON SURVEYORS HANDICAP CHASE (£5,183: 2m 5f 110yd) (7)

1 11-1 GLEMOT 14 (C,D,F,G,S) K Bailey 7-12-0 T J Murphy (5)
2 3-RF WIND FORCE 14 (D,F,S) G Richards 10-11-9 J Railton
3 53-0 NICKLE JOE 125 (D,F,G,S) M Tate 9-10-3 W Marston
4 5-P2 MINE'S AN ACE 11 (F,S) Mrs J Renfree-Barons 8-10-0 R Greene
5 548- SPECIAL ACCOUNT 205 (C,F,G,S) C Barwell 9-10-0 B Clifford
6 R3-5 KIND'A SMART 21 (F,G,S) K Morgan 10-10-0 A S Smith
7 3P-1 RAINBOW CASTLE 12 (S) J Gifford 8-10-0 P Hide

2-1 Glemot, 3-1 Wind Force, 7-2 Rainbow Castle, 8-1 Mine's An Ace, Special Account, 10-1 Kind'a Smart, 14-1 Nickle Joe.

4.00 WILLIAM HILL TRIAL HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,227: 2m 3f) (8)

1 6/3 LONESOME TRAIN 16 (F,G) C Weedon 6-11-10 B Powell
2 1-P5 HOLY JOE 16 (F,G,S) D Burchell 13-11-2 D J Burchell
3 1322 GONE BY 8 (B,BF,F,G) J Jenkins 7-11-1 C O'Dwyer
4 14-1 FUTURE KING 14 (G,S) A Jarvis 8-11-0 P Morris (7)
5 3223 CHICAGO'S BEST 16 (B,C,F,G) K Wingrove 8-10-11 J Ryan
6 16-4 RAFTERS 14 (G,S) J Bradley 6-10-8 Mr R Johnson (5)
7 3-20 HERE HE COMES 12 (G,S) R Stronge 9-10-7 S Lyons (5)
8 1- NEVEROLD 292 (S) M Ahern 5-10-0 J Lodder

11-4 Lonesome Train, 3-1 Future King, 4-1 Gone By, 5-1 Chicago's Best, 6-1 Neverold, 10-1 Here He Comes, 12-1 others.

4.35 BLOOMER HEAVEN ACCOUNTANTS BIRMINGHAM NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£3,233: 2m 6f 110yd) (7)

1 1163 THANE 8 (F) J Jenkins 6-11-10 C O'Dwyer
2 00- AH THERE YOU ARE 203 K Bailey 6-11-0 T J Murphy (5)
3 0P-5 CLASH OF CYMBALS 10 J Moore 6-11-0 W McFarland
4 -63R JIMMY O'DEA 29 (F) T Bill 8-11-0 J Railton
5 803- OTTER PRINCE 192 T George 6-11-0 D Bentley
6 354- SCORESHEET 170 J Gifford 5-11-0 P Hide
7 00-0 GUNNY'S GIRL 23 F Jordan 4-10-7 J Lodder

6-4 Ah There You Are, 11-4 Scoresheet, 5-1 Thane, 8-1 Jimmy O'Dea, Otter Prince, 16-1 Clash Of Cymbals, 20-1 Gunny's Girl.

5.05 NORTH MIDLAND FINANCIAL SERVICES (OFFSHORE) HANDICAP CHASE (£4,224: 2m 1f 110yd) (5)

1 2-64 TIME WON'T WAIT 8 (F,G) R Phillips 6-11-12 J Railton
2 5106 ILEWIN 33 (F,G,S) M Ahern 8-10-11 M Ahern
3 P334 VICTORY ANTHEM 29 (F,G) P Clarke 9-10-2 B Fenton (5)
4 U331 STARLAP 7 (F,G,S) R Buckler 11-10-0 B Powell
5 55-6 CARLINGFORD LIGHTS 66 D O'Neill 7-10-0 G Hogan (5)

6-4 Time Won't Wait, 3-1 Starlap, Victory Anthem, 6-1 Ilewin, 10-1 Carlingford Lights.

5.40 RICHARDSONS PROPERTIES MAIDEN HURDLE (£3,633: 2m 110yd) (15)

1 DAYTONA BEACH 45F D Arench Davis 5-10-12 S McNeill
2 EN ATTENDANT 15F B Hanbury 7-10-12 S Keightley
3 GOJOGO C Dingwall 6-10-12 J R Kavanagh
4 000- ILEWIN GERRY 143 M Ahern 5-10-12 M Ahern
5 SOMMARIVA STAR 427F R Harris 5-10-12 B Powell
6 ANOTHER MONK 14F R Curtis 4-10-11 D Walsh (5)
7 CHIEFTAIN'S CROWN 77F J White 4-10-11 P McLoughlin (3)
8 MAIN BRACE 85F K Burke 4-10-11 A Larnach (3)
9 PICKET PIECE 427F D Nicholson 4-10-11 W Marston
10 KINNEGAD KID 25F R Ingram 6-10-7 D Gallagher
11 0/0 MADAM ROSE 28 J Mullins 5-10-7 S Righton (7)
12 0 SUN DREAMER 19F J Spearing 6-10-7 J Lodder
13 DELGARTH LADY 16F J Spearing 4-10-6 G Hogan (5)
14 0-34 MISS CASHTAL 10 D Thom 4-10-6 M Perrett
15 MOONLIGHT AIR 18F J Spearing 4-10-6 Mr R Johnson (5)

9-4 En Attendant, 3-1 Picket Piece, 5-1 Miss Cashtal, 6-1 Chieftain's Crown, 8-1 Daytona Beach, 10-1 Delgarth Lady, Main Brace, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Pipe, 26 winners from 92 runners, 28.3%; C Barwell, 4 from 18, 22.2%; P Hobbs, 12 from 55, 21.8%; C Broad, 4 from 19, 21.1%; D Nicholson, 11 from 56, 19.6%.

JOCKEYS: J Lower, 5 winners from 19 rides, 26.3%; P McLoughlin, 5 from 20, 25%; D O'Sullivan, 5 from 21, 23.8%; Peter Hobbs, 11 from 51, 21.6%; R Greene, 3 from 18, 16.7%.

WOLVERHAMPTON

THUNDERER
7.00 Southern Dominion. 7.30 Lila Pedigo. 8.00 Sing With The Band. 8.30 Stevie's Wonder. 9.00 Anna Settic. 9.30 Zacaroon.

GOING: STANDARD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

7.00 LADBROKES WIN AND SHOW HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,856: 5f) (13 runners)

1 5460 ACADEMY LIFE 14 (B) P Cole 9-7 C Rutter 13
2 0013 PURSUANCE 14 (V,CD,G) J Balding 9-5 J Edmunds (7) 6
3 0554 SILK COTTAGE 10 R Whitaker 9-5 M Tebbutt 7
4 5320 JUST LIKE ME 22 (B,BF) R Guest 9-2 K Fallon 12
5 0030 FLASHING SABRE 50 (D,F) J Berry 9-2 P Roberts (7) 10
6 0600 MONTAGUE DAWSON 14 (G) Mrs N Macauley 9-2 S Drowne (3) 4
7 130- VOCAL COMMAND 360 (C,G) W Haigh 9-2 Dale Gibson 1
8 0400 BLUE SIOUX 10 (B) J Wharton 8-11 A Mackay 8
9 2200 ANOTHER BATCHWORTH 13 S Mellor 8-10 R Perham 5
10 2300 LLOC 4 (V,D,S) C Dwyer 8-9 N Varley (3) 9
11 4020 SOUTHERN DOMINION 15 (D,G) M Johnston 8-9 J Weaver 11
12 5030 TIME IS MONEY 43 M Tompkins 8-5 G Bardwell 2
13 3036 DOMINELLE 60 (D,F) M H Easterby 8-5 S Maloney 3

4-1 Pursuance, 5-1 Southern Dominion, 6-1 Silk Cottage, 7-1 Lloc, 8-1 Dominelle, 10-1 Academy Life, Another Batchworth, 12-1 others.

7.30 HERA CLAIMING STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,415: 6f) (13)

1 1106 CHEMCAST 16 (F) B Meehan 9-4 B Doyle 6
2 003 MIDAS GOLD 18 B Meehan 9-4 J Weaver 7
3 6160 CHINA CASTLE 26 (G) P Haslam 9-0 M Tebbutt 4
4 10 COYOTE BLUFF 15 (S) P Chapple-Hyam 9-0 R Havlin (5) 2
5 1430 ULTRA BARLEY 43 (CD,F,G) P Haslam 8-12 G Carter 12
6 3006 INCAPOL 12 (F) M Ryan 8-10 A Clark 1
7 4101 FENNA 16 (D,F,S) S Woods 8-7 W Woods 9
8 00 POTENZA 64 R Hollinshead 8-4 K Fallon 10
9 2125 GI LA HIGH 31 (B,C,G) J Berry 8-1 L Charnock 13
10 4020 GHOSTLY APPARITION 14 John R Upson 8-0 D Sweeney (7) 3
11 2146 HARSH TIMES 11 (D,G) M H Easterby 7-13 S Maloney 5
12 4300 LATZIO 24 B Pearce 7-13 D Wright (3) 11
13 1140 LILA PEDIGO 38 (CD,G) J Berry 7-13 G Bardwell 8

3-1 Coyote Bluff, 7-2 Gi La High, 9-2 Chemcast, 6-1 Incapol, Midas Gold, 7-1 Ultra Barley, 8-1 Fenna, 10-1 others.

8.00 ALLSPORTS HANDICAP (£3,080: 6f) (13)

1 5320 SING WITH THE BAND 4 (BF,G) B McMahon 4-10-0 G Carter 13
2 2042 KING RAMBO 14 (C,D,BF,F) R Hollinshead 4-9-12 A Eddery (7) 12
3 4203 DANCING HEART 16 (F) B Meehan 3-9-12 B Doyle 5
4 4633 TAFFETA SILK 82 (F) W Jarvis 4-9-10 S Sanders 11
5 0421 CRETAN GIFT 14 (V,CD,G) N Littmoden 4-9-10 T G McLaughlin 7
6 5350 PERSIAN AFFAIR 28 (F,G) D Haydn Jones 4-9-9 A Mackay 6
7 4406 SPEEDY CLASSIC 77 (D,F,G) M Heaton-Ellis 6-9-9 A Clark 10
8 1130 NEWBURY COAT 58 (B,F) B Preece 5-9-8 J Weaver 9
9 6350 BOURSIN 42 (D,F,G) N Littmoden 6-9-6 Dale Gibson 1
10 3000 RYMER'S RASCAL 13 (D,S) E Alston 3-9-4 K Fallon 2
11 0504 JIGSAW BOY 14 (D,F,S) P Murphy 6-9-3 S Drowne (3) 3
12 6350 JAREER DO 16 B Palling 3-9-3 T Sprake 8
13 0900 MONIS 3 (V,F) J Balding 4-9-2 J Edmunds (7) 4

7-2 Cretan Gift, 9-2 King Rambo, 5-1 Taffeta Silk, 7-1 Dancing Heart, Jigsaw Boy, 8-1 Rymer's Rascal, 10-1 Persian Affair, 12-1 others.

8.30 FOLEY STEELSTOCK HANDICAP (£3,080: 1m 4f) (12)

1 6312 TOVARICH 28 (B,CD,G) Ronald Thompson 4-9-10 J Weaver 1
2 6310 SOMMERSBY 9 (CD,G) Mrs N Macauley 4-9-10 S Drowne (3) 3
3 3300 TEEN JAY 22 (S) M Ryan 5-9-10 B Doyle 5
4 1401 STEVIE'S WONDER 17 (V,D,G,S) M Ryan 5-9-8 G Carter 11
5 5522 PREMIER DANCE 56 (CD,F,G) D Haydn Jones 8-9-7 A Mackay 6
6 -215 KATY'S LAD 9 (F,G,S) B McMahon 8-9-7 L Newton (5) 9
7 2120 CARPATHIAN 59 (D,F,G) Lord Huntingdon 4-9-5 R Perham 12
8 5010 CANTON VENTURE 12 (CD,G) S Woods 3-9-3 W Woods 4
9 0014 ELPIDA 18 (C,BF,G) J Pearce 3-9-2 G Bardwell 2
10 5000 JARAAB 9J (V,CD,G) G Lewis 4-9-0 S Whitworth 8
11 0-62 CASTLE SECRET 250 (D,F,S) D Burchell 9-8-11 T Wilson 7
12 0230 PASS MARK 18 J Fanshawe 3-8-11 D Harrison 10

3-1 Tovarich, 4-1 Premier Dance, 5-1 Sommersby, 7-1 Stevie's Wonder, Teen Jay, 8-1 Pass Mark, 10-1 Castle Secret, 12-1 others.

9.00 BULLSMOOR DEVELOPMENTS FILLIES SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,415: 1m 100yd) (13)

1 413 BUMBLEFOOT 39 (C,G) M Johnston 8-12 J Weaver 12
2 3000 SHANGORA 23 (V,G) B Palling 8-12 T Sprake 13
3 3502 VICTORIA VENTURE 28 (C,BF,G) S Woods 8-12 W Woods 10
4 1060 WELSH MELODY 14 (C,G) K Burke 8-12 M Tebbutt 11
5 2353 ANNA SETTIC 31 J Scargill 8-7 M Fenton 9
6 0000 BE MY BIRD 11 B Meehan 8-7 B Doyle 5
7 560 CHAMBER MUSIC 93 (BF) J Berry 8-7 G Carter 7
8 4200 IMAGE MAKER 14 D Arbuthnot 8-7 A Clark 6
9 4552 MADONNA DA ROSSI 26 (BF) M Prescott 8-7 C Nutter 3
10 2040 PULGA CIRCO 5 B McMahon 8-7 S Sanders 1
11 520 ROZEL BAY 28 J Spearing 8-7 S Drowne (3) 4
12 60 SIKOSARKI 50 Ronald Thompson 8-7 G Bardwell 2
13 0040 ZUNO PRINCESS 52 (B) G Lewis 8-7 S Whitworth 8

7-2 Victoria Venture, 9-2 Bumblefoot, 5-1 Anna Settic, 6-1 Chamber Music, 8-1 Rozel Bay, Image Maker, 10-1 others.

9.30 APHRODITE HANDICAP (£2,415: 1m 100yd) (13)

1 1254 ZACAROON 23 (C,G) Lord Huntingdon 4-10-0 D Harrison 5
2 000- TRYST 371 (D,F,S) J Scargill 4-10-0 M Fenton 10
3 -104 LATIN LEADER 17 (B,F) C Egerton 5-9-13 Dane O'Neill (5) 11
4 3130 HEATHYARDS LADY 8 (C,D,F,G) R Hollinshead 4-9-11 F Lynch (7) 6
5 0305 LANDLORD 14 (B,F) J Toller 3-9-10 W Newnes 13
6 2002 GENTLE IRONY 14 (B,D,F,G,S) B Meehan 3-9-10 B Doyle 12
7 864 OUR LITTLE LADY 39 J Banks 3-9-9 M Bridge (7) 1
8 3220 PENMAR 14 (B) T Etherington 3-9-9 L Charnock 8
9 -006 RIPSNORTER 40 (D,G,S) K Bishop 6-9-6 J Williams 2
10 2440 HONG KONG DOLLAR 16 B Pearce 3-9-6 D McKeown 7
11 2400 CERTAIN WAY 14 (D,G) N Littmoden 5-9-6 T G McLaughlin 3
12 563 HALFABOB 112 D Haydn Jones 3-9-5 A Mackay 6
13 5510 JALMAID 11 (C,G) B McMahon 3-9-5 S Sanders 4

3-1 Zacaroon, 5-1 Heathyards Lady, 6-1 Gentle Irony, 7-1 Latin Leader, 8-1 Our Little Lady, Halfabob, 10-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: W Jarvis, 3 winners from 10 runners, 30.0%; M Johnston, 28 from 97, 28.9%; R Guest, 5 from 19, 26.3%; S Woods, 5 from 19, 26.3%; J Toller, 4 from 16, 25.0%.

JOCKEYS: W Woods, 11 winners from 47 rides, 23.4%; J Weaver, 44 from 198, 22.2%; K Fallon, 4 from 24, 16.7%; G Carter, 16 from 102, 15.7%; B Doyle, 8 from 54, 14.8%.

Young Ern leads raid on Paris

THERE is a six-strong British challenge for the group one Prix de la Fôret over seven furlongs at Longchamp tomorrow. Young Ern, trained by Simon Dow and ridden by Michael Kinane, leads a team which includes Mutakddim, Bin Ajwaad, Inzar, Branston Abby and Myself.

Kinane also rides the John Gosden-trained Capias in the group two Prix du Conseil de Paris over 1½ miles, but the race could fall to Paul Cole's improving Italian group one winner, Posidonas, the mount of Richard Quinn.

The British representatives in the group one Grand Criterium, for two-year-olds, are Committal and Astor Place. There is stern opposition, though, in the shape of the impressive Prix de la Rochette winner, Le Triton.

Further afield, Gosden sends Presenting, to be ridden by Lanfranco Dettori, for the Rothmans International over 1½ miles at Woodbine, Canada, tomorrow. He is joined by Richard Hannon's Commoner, the mount of Richard Hughes. However, they face a strong French challenge in the Prix du Jockey-Club second, Poliglote, and Volochine, who was third in this race last year.

Clive Brittain's Warning Shadows and the John Oxx-trained Timarida contest the E. P. Taylor Stakes on the same card.

KELSO

THUNDERER
2.00 Swank Gilbert. 2.30 Gale Ahead. 3.05 Dancing Dove. 3.40 Side Of Hill. 4.10 Briar's Delight. 4.40 Recluse.

GOING: FIRM (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES) SIS

2.00 WEATHERBYS NOVICES HURDLE (£2,108: 2m 110yd) (13 runners)

1 0/4- ALLERBY 379 J Goulding 7-10-12 J Supple (3)
2 650- BLUE CHARM 171 Mrs S Bradburne 5-10-12 B Storey
3 435- CAMPTOSAURUS 154 D Alder 6-10-12 A Thornton
4 DARK BUOY B Mactaggart 5-10-12 G Lee (3)
5 20- LARN FORT 14F C Fairhurst 5-10-12 J Callaghan
6 26-3 MARCO MAGNIFICO 12F T Dyer 5-10-12 L Wyer
7 -362 SWANK GILBERT 15 T Cuthbert 9-10-12 Carol Cuthbert
8 0- NICK ROSS 194 R Brewis 4-10-11 B Harker
9 SECONDS AWAY 19F J Goldie 4-10-11 F Perratt (3)
10 -322 BLOOMING SPRING 24 Mrs D Thomson 6-10-7 L O'Hara
11 P TRI MY WAY 14 D Lamb 5-10-7 Mr A Manners (7)
12 ALL ON 29F J Hetherton 4-10-6 D Byrne
13 31 WILD ROSE OF YORK 15 (F) P Monteith 4-10-6 B Harding (5)

11-4 Marco Magnifico, 4-1 All On, 5-1 Larn Fort, 7-1 Blooming Spring, 8-1 Swank Gilbert, Wild Rose Of York, 12-1 Allerby, 14-1 others.

2.30 ROTHBURY HOME BAKERY NOVICES CHASE (£2,762: 3m 1f) (8)

1 14-U DONOVANS REEF 7 (CD,F,S) Mrs L Marshall 9-11-5 B Storey
2 40-P ANOTHER NICK 119 (F) J Hubbuck 9-11-1 B Harding (5)
3 2242 COUP DE CATHERINE 5 W Barker 9-11-1 R Supple
4 01P- KIDLAW 147P (F,S) W Reed 7-11-1 T Reed
5 26-4 THE ENERGISER 14 D Lamb 9-11-1 Mr A Manners (7)
6 TWO FOR ONE 169P (S) Miss L Russell 8-11-1 A Thornton
7 0-55 ALICHARGER 7 Mrs D Thomson 5-10-12 R McGrath (7)
8 03-2 GALE AHEAD 8 (BF) G Moore 5-10-12 N Bentley

6-4 Gale Ahead, 5-1 The Energiser, Donovans Reef, 6-1 Coup De Catherine, 8-1 Kidlaw, Two For One, 12-1 others.

3.05 POTTERTON MYSON MARES ONLY HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,206: 2m 6f 110yd) (4)

1 -F22 DANCING DOVE 8 (CD,BF,F,G) G Richards 7-11-10 B Harding (5)
2 1-43 T O O MAMMA'S 18 (D,F,G) J Oliver 4-11-7 S Melrose (7)
3 0-40 MEADOWLECK 14 W Young 6-10-0 F Perratt (3)
4 /24 STEPDAUGHTER 24 Mrs D Thomson 9-10-0 L O'Hara

4-7 Dancing Dove, 2-1 T O O Mamma's, 12-1 Meadowleck, 20-1 Stepdaughter.

3.40 GREENMANTLE ALE ANTHONY MARSHALL TROPHY CHASE (Handicap: £4,155: 3m 1f) (2)

1 113- KILCOLGAN 176 (CD,F,S) Mrs J Goodfellow 8-11-10 B Storey
2 32-1 SIDE OF HILL 14 (CD,F,S) B Mactaggart 10-11-3 G Lee (3)

4-5 Kilcolgan, 11-10 Side Of Hill.

4.10 SCOTTISH RACING CLUB HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,318: 2m 110yd) (7)

1 6-31 VAIN PRINCE 23 (B,CD,F,G,S) N Tinkler 8-12-0 E Husband (5)
2 -311 SHARP SENSATION 14 (CD,F) W Barker 5-11-8 G Harker
3 3032 ELECTRIC COMMITTEE 7 (D) P Monteith 5-11-3 B Harding (5)
4 033- EXPLORE MONDIAL 180 T Dyer 4-10-11 L Wyer
5 324- BRIAR'S DELIGHT 185 (V,D,G) R Allan 7-10-11 S Melrose (7)
6 62-2 KEEP BATTLING 7F (D,G) J Goldie 5-10-10 F Perratt (3)
7 6-4P PRESSURE GAME 119 (D,F) B Mactaggart 12-10-0 G Lee (3)

11-4 Sharp Sensation, 3-1 Vain Prince, 9-2 Explore Mondial, 6-1 others.

4.40 EDINBURGH CITY FOOTBALL CLUB NOVICES HURDLE (Amateurs: £1,940: 2m 6f) (6)

1 1 RECLUSE 21 (B,F) M Hammond 4-11-4 C Bonner (3)
2 P-3P GOOD PROFIT 7 W Young 6-11-0 K Whelan (5)
3 5-P6 MUFID 14 (B) D Lamb 6-11-0 A Manners (7)
4 6-P0 NORMANS PROFIT 15 W Young 5-11-0 A Robson (7)
5 SHARP SAND P Monteith 5-11-0 Miss S Nichol (7)
6 00-5 TOUGH TEST 24 Mrs J Goodfellow 5-11-0 R Hale (5)

4-5 Recluse, 7-2 Sharp Sand, 5-1 Mufid, 10-1 Tough Test, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

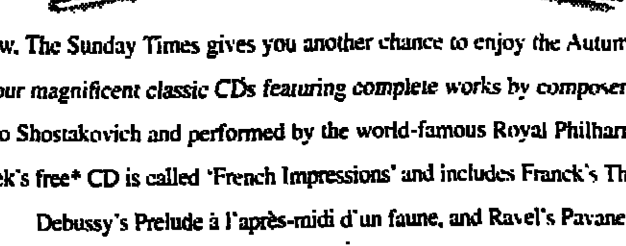
TRAINERS: Mrs J D Goodfellow, 11 winners from 42 runners, 26.2%; N Tinkler, 5 from 21, 23.8%; G Richards, 24 from 109, 22.0%; G M Moore, 10 from 50, 20%; M Hammond, 14 from 77, 18.2%.

JOCKEYS: A Thornton, 8 winners from 34 rides, 23.5%; B Storey, 24 from 133, 18.0%; L Wyer, 7 from 60, 11.7%. Only qualifiers.

☐ Kevin Darley, the jockey, was in tremendous form at Catterick yesterday, completing a near 65-1 four-timer.

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RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

Newmarket

Going: good to firm

1.30 (7f) 1, Shemozzle (L Dettori, 4-11 fav); 2, Martha Quest (9-4); 3, Miss Pravda (12-1). 3 ran. 3l, 1l. J Gosden. Tote: £1.30. DF: £1.10. CSF: £1.61.

2.00 (6f) 1, Projection (Pat Eddery, 4-1); 2, Mutadarra (5-2 fav); 3, Inverlochy (33-1). 21 ran. Sh hd, 4l. B Hills. Tote: £7.00; £2.50, £1.70, £5.90. DF: £6.40. Trio: £159.20. CSF: £13.40.

2.35 (1m 1f) 1, Restructure (Paul Eddery, 11-4 fav, Thunderer's nap); 2, Lap Of Luxury (4-1); 3, Wijara (9-2). 8 ran. Sh hd, 2½l. Mrs J Cecil. Tote: £3.30; £1.50, £1.60, £1.70. DF: £7.20. CSF: £12.40.

3.05 (7f) 1, Bint Salsabil (W Carson, 15-2); 2, Parrot Jungle (14-1); 3, My Branch (5-4 fav). 8 ran. ¾l, 2l. J Dunlop. Tote: £5.40; £1.30, £2.40, £1.20. DF: £42.70. CSF: £83.83. After a stewards' inquiry, result stood.

3.40 (7f) 1, Alhaarth (W Carson, 4-7 fav); 2, Danehill Dancer (2-1); 3, Tagula (13-2). 4 ran. 2½l, 1½l. W Hern. Tote: £1.50. DF: £1.30. CSF: £2.10. 1min 24.64sec.

4.15 (1m) 1, Mystic Knight (Pat Eddery, 9-2); 2, Magic Lake (14-1); 3, Rhumba Dancer (14-1). Creative Account 11-4 fav. 12 ran. 1l, 1½l. R Charlton. Tote: £5.60; £2.30, £4.00, £3.20. DF: £61.60. Trio: £177.90. CSF: £61.41. Tote Tricast: £759.26.

4.50 (1m 6f) 1, Our Kris (A Clark, 25-1); 2, Alaraby (12-1); 3, Eden Heights (11-2). Bowcliffe Court 2-1 fav. 7 ran. 1¼l, 4l. G Harwood. Tote: £26.60; £6.50, £4.40. DF: £90.00. CSF: £223.84.

Placepot: £47.20. Quadpot: £25.90.

Catterick Bridge

Going: good to firm, firm in places

2.15 (1m 3f 214yd) 1, Anjou (M Nutter, 8-1); 2, Kalamata (11-8 fav); 3, House Of Dreams (12-1). 5 ran. 2½l, sh hd. J Pearce. Tote: £13.30; £2.10, £1.50. DF: £7.50. CSF: £19.82.

2.45 (5f) 1, Swynford Dream (J Lowe, 6-4 fav); 2, Camionneur (12-1); 3, Mullagh Hill Lad (10-1); 4, Imp Express (14-1). 19 ran. 1½l, nk. J Bottomley. Tote: £2.20; £1.10, £3.90, £1.90, £3.00. DF: £48.30. Trio: £115.20. CSF: £22.97. Tricast: £146.53.

3.15 (5f 212yd) 1, Singing Patriarch (K Darley, 8-13 fav); 2, Craignairn (10-1); 3, Power Game (14-1). 11 ran. NR: Hawksley Hill, Utmost Zeal. Hd, 3½l. J Dunlop. Tote: £1.50; £1.10, £2.50, £2.30. DF: £5.20. Trio: £7.00. CSF: £8.38.

3.50 (1m 7f 177yd) 1, Sea Victor (K Darley, 7-2); 2, True Bird (10-1); 3, Finlaggan (11-8 fav). 6 ran. 1¾l, nk. J L Harris. Tote: £3.70; £2.50, £2.70. DF: £22.00. CSF: £28.63.

4.25 (7f) 1, Hisaala (K Darley, 2-1 fav); 2, Indian Relative (5-2); 3, Ground Game (3-1). 12 ran. NR: Bear To Dance. ½l, 6l. P Walwyn. Tote: £2.80; £1.30, £1.70, £1.30. DF: £3.40. Trio: £2.20. CSF: £7.48.

4.55 (1m 3f 214yd) 1, Keep Your Distance (K Darley, 2-1 fav); 2, Pat's Splendour (9-1); 3, Hasta La Vista (4-1). 13 ran. ¾l, nk. Mrs M Reveley. Tote: £2.60; £1.30, £1.80, £1.90. DF: £13.40. Trio: £16.80. CSF: £19.28. Tricast: £62.13.

Jackpot: £5,638.10.

Placepot: £18.80. Quadpot: £17.30.

Ludlow

Going: firm, good to firm in places

1.50 (2m hdle) 1, Let's Get Lost (A P McCoy, 9-1); 2, Schnozzle (4-5 fav); 3, Leyham Low (7-2). 7 ran. NR: Lady Breyfax. 7l, ¾l. J A Harris. Tote: £9.30; £2.30, £1.40. DF: £5.20. CSF: £16.57.

2.20 (2m ch) 1, West Orient (G Hogan, 7-2); 2, Weaza (8-4 fav); 3, Turpin's Green (4-1). 7 ran. NR: Mabthul. 2l, 3l. O O'Neill. Tote: £7.30; £3.10, £2.30. DF: £10.40. CSF: £9.19. Tricast: £19.37.

2.55 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1, Rolling The Bones (A P McCoy, 6-4 fav); 2, Little Serena (14-1); 3, Sainte-Martine (15-8). 7 ran. NR: Watchit Lad. 1¼l, 2½l. P Felgate. Tote: £2.10; £1.80, £3.30. DF: £11.20. CSF: £20.17. Tricast: £39.12.

3.25 (2m 4f ch) 1, Mr Entertainer (Mr M Rimell, 7-2); 2, Maggots Green (11-4 fav); 3, Rupples (5-1). 11 ran. 1¼l, 2½l. N Gaselee. Tote: £4.80; £1.80, £1.70, £1.80. DF: £8.10. Trio: £4.30. CSF: £12.51. Tricast: £41.16.

4.00 (2m hdle) 1, Serious Danger (J F Titley, 4-1); 2, Golden Madjambo (6-1); 3, Britannia Mills (20-1). Red Valerian 5-4 fav. 7 ran. NR: Forgetful. 2l, sh hd. Miss H Knight. Tote: £5.00; £3.00, £2.00. DF: £15.40. CSF: £25.62. Tricast: £376.46.

4.35 (2m 4f ch) 1, Lake Of Loughrea (R Dunwoody, 2-7 fav); 2, Grey Smoke (7-2); 3, Halham Tarn (10-1). 3 ran. 1½l, 30l. K Bailey. Tote: £1.10. DF: £1.10. CSF: £1.66.

5.05 (2m flat race) 1, Magelad (A Roche, 7-2); 2, Gone For Lunch (3-1); 3, Blaze Bailey (5-2 fav). 11 ran. Sh hd, 1l. J J O'Neill. Tote: £4.30; £1.70, £1.70, £1.20. DF: £7.40. Trio: £8.40. CSF: £14.09.

Placepot: £23.80. Quadpot: £60.50.

Bahri has strong claims for Champion Stakes

NEWMARKET

CHANNEL 4

2.20: In a race best watched, Babinda is arguably the form choice judged on a promising third on his debut, although it is hard to assess the victory of Wight in a newcomers' race at Milan last month. Migwar and Madame Steinlen are open to improvement but, in a race which has gone to a newcomer six times in the past 14 years, it could be worth risking Samraan. John Dunlop is anxious to win the trainers' championship and this £12,000-added race would help his cause.

3.00: All the ante-post money has been for Top Cees, the controversial Chester Cup winner, who has been gelded and ran an encouraging trial behind Grey Shot (subsequent winner of group three race) at Doncaster five weeks ago. However, he is plenty short enough in the betting and must improve to win here. In a race that often tends to go to lightly-weighted runners, my trio against the field are Old Red, Salaman and Torch Vert. Old Red stays well and made a belated but eye-catching seasonal reappearance behind the John Dunlop-trained Turquoise Sea at Ayr last month. Mary Reveley's runner should go well, although Dunlop should know where he is with Salaman, twice a winner over 2¼ miles or more, who goes well on fast ground.



TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

Interestingly, Willie Carson is riding Salaman despite being tempted by Barry Hills to partner Torch Vert. He looks sure to be in the shake-up and could be worth a saver, but I am sticking with **Torch Vert**, who carries considerable stable confidence. The Law Society colt showed improved form when making all to win at Ayr four weeks ago and has been working out of his skin since that victory. At around 10-1 he looks a value bet.

3.35: Mr Bergerac can be forgiven a poor run last time, on soft ground over six furlongs, and has sound prospects of bouncing back to the form which saw him win twice over Sandown's stiff five. A similar remark applies to Ziggy's Dancer, who has lost his way in the past three races, but is well treated on his form in April and May, including a good second here. However, Brave Edge ran close to his best at Ascot three weeks ago, carries weight well and Richard Hannon's string is firing again after a quiet spell.

4.15: Riyadian, seventh in the Derby, has come into his own during the past seven weeks, winning impressively at Doncaster and the group three Cumberland Lodge Stakes at Ascot. Paul Cole's runner may well be capable of better but his improved showings have been achieved on softish ground, very different from the fast ground prevailing here. The connections of Spectrum, Tamure and Germany have all expresssed a preference for easier going, which is a worry. The trip and ground are ideal for Fahal, who managed fourth in the Derby, but he is a group three horse and **Bahri** looks to have a solid favourite's chance. The St James's Palace Stakes and Queen Elizabeth II Stakes winner appeared to stay an extended ten furlongs in the International Stakes when coming up against Halling and he holds outstanding claims.

4.45: After Naked Welcome won here on Thursday, somewhat to the surprise of Martin Fetherston-Godley, the East Ilsley trainer reported that **Royal Figurine** was flying at home and the Ayr Gold Cup winner has the credentials to follow up. Craig Pearman's admirable four-year-old has improved with each of her last three runs and she looks fairly treated. The progressive Iktamal heads the list of dangers.

RICHARD EVANS

JULIAN HERBERT



Bahri, winner of two group one races at Ascot this term, is fancied to land today's Champion Stakes

THUNDERER

1.45 Crumpton Hill
2.20 Samraan
3.00 TOP CEES (nap)
3.35 Saseedo
4.15 Tamure
4.45 Royal Figurine
5.20 Mullitover

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.00 SALEEL.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 1.45 Crumpton Hill. 3.00 Saleel. 4.15 TAMURE (nap).

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

1.45 ROTHMANS ROYALS NORTH SOUTH CHALLENGE SERIES FINAL

(Handicap: £29,570: 1m) (24 runners)

101	(20)	315310	BAND ON THE RUN 21 (C,D,F,G,S) (D Allen) B McMahon 8-10-0	J Weaver	92
102	(18)	312405	CELESTIAL CHOIR 14 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs C Sykes) J Eyre 5-9-0	W R Swinburn	96
103	(9)	1-13000	CRUMPTON HILL 14 (D,F,G) (T Chadney) N Graham 3-8-13	Pat Eddery	89
104	(24)	500002	COUNTRY LOVER 28 (D,F,G) (G Bunton) Lord Huntingdon 4-8-11	M Hills	97
105	(21)	160550	STONE RIDGE 28 (D,F) (Mrs C Harington) R Hannon 3-8-10	Dane O'Neill (5)	96
106	(23)	301550	CLIFTON FOX 35 (D,F,G) (P and S Partners) J Glover 3-8-9	S D Williams	90
107	(1)	162410	SAIFAN 28 (B,CD,F,G) (Ms L Hawes) D Morris 6-8-9	R Cochrane	91
108	(7)	124001	SHINEROLLA 12 (D,F,G) (Mrs A Bell) Mrs J Ramsden 3-8-9	K Fallon	95
109	(2)	021210	APOLLONO 28 (D,F) (J Ruggles) J Fanshawe 3-8-8	D Harrison	98
110	(17)	150105	MA PETITE ANGLAISE 28 (D,F,G) (K Scott) W Jarvis 3-8-8	M Henry (5)	89
111	(19)	216000	PRIDE OF PENDLE 7 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs L Miller) D Nicholls 6-8-8	Martin Dwyer (7)	95
112	(16)	342101	MO-ADDAB 20 (C,D,F,G,S) (S Hammond) A Stewart 5-8-8	M Roberts	94
113	(6)	112460	KNOBBLEENEEZE 7 (V,D,F,G,S) (A Andrews) M Channon 5-8-7	J F Egan	95
114	(12)	420120	RONN DE COOL 26 (D,F) (R Kilby) R Akehurst 4-8-7	T Quinn	91
115	(5)	111121	SCARABEN 29 (CD,F,G,S) (J Tennant) S Kettlewell 7-8-6	J Stack (3)	92
116	(3)	055660	MASTER BEVELED 14 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs E Williams) P Evans 5-8-6	K Darley	93
117	(8)	010830	ELPIDOS 12 (D,F,G) (Dayspring Ltd) C Brittain 3-8-1	B Doyle	98
118	(11)	00-2260	EASY JET 28 (Crown Partners) Lord Huntingdon 3-8-1	R Hills	94
119	(15)	000602	MISTY SILKS 5 (B,D,BF,G,S) (P Evans) M Ryan 5-7-13	W Carson	[illegible]
120	(22)	400303	KARINSKA 14 (D,F,G) (G Widdop) M Chapman 5-7-13	C Munday (7)	94
121	(4)	411303	NINIA 13 (D,F) (Mrs D Schreiber) M Johnston 3-7-12	G Bardwell	93
122	(13)	300402	CEE-JAY-AY 4 (D,F,G,S) (R Jinks) J Berry 8-7-7	L Charnock	94
123	(10)	405160	NOBLE NEPTUNE 22 (CD,F) (Mrs R Brown) W Musson 3-7-7	J Quinn	89
124	(14)	534060	PINE RIDGE LAD 11 (F,G) (Whitestonecliffe Partners) J Eyre 5-7-7	N Varley (3)	88

Long handicap: Cee-Jay-Ay 7-5, Noble Neptune 7-1, Pine Ridge Lad 6-12.

BETTING: 7-1 Scaraben, 8-1 Mo-Addab, 9-1 Country Lover, 10-1 Celestial Choir, 12-1 Misty Silks, Shinerolla, 14-1 Crumpton Hill, 16-1 others.

1994: CHINOUR 6-8-4 J Quinn (93-1) E Alston 23 ran

FORM FOCUS

CELESTIAL CHOIR 3½l 5th of 39 to Cap Juluca in Cambridgeshire Handicap here (1m 1f, good to firm) with CRUMPTON HILL (4lb better off) ½l 7th and PRIDE OF PENDLE (6lb better off) 1l 11th. COUNTRY LOVER head 2nd of 20 to Almond Rock in handicap at Newbury (1m, good to soft) with ELPIDOS (8lb better off) 2½l 3rd, KNOBBLEENEEZE (7lb better off) 4l 4th, MA PETITE ANGLAISE (7lb better off) 3l 5th, MISTY SILKS (8lb better off) ½l 6th, STONE RIDGE (6lb better off) 2l 7th, CRUMPTON HILL (5lb better off) short-head 8th, EASY JET (8lb better off) neck 9th, MO-ADDAB (3lb better off) head 10th, SAIFAN (6lb better off) 12¾l 14th, RONN DE COOL (5lb better off) 1¾l 15th and APOLLONO (8lb better off) 16l 19th. SHINEROLLA beat Far Ahead 1l in 15-runner handicap at Pontefract (1m, good to firm) with ELPIDOS (8lb better off) 10l 7th. MO-ADDAB beat Second Chance neck in 19-runner handicap at Ascot (1m, soft) with MASTER BEVELED (3lb better off) 1¼l 6th. SCARABEN beat Cool Edge 1l in 18-runner handicap at Ayr (1m, good) with CEE-JAY-AY (5lb better off) head and short-head 4th, MASTER BEVELED (7lb better off) 4l 6th and CELESTIAL CHOIR (9lb better off) 3l 10th. MISTY SILKS 1¼l 2nd of 20 to Hatta Breeze in handicap at Leicester (1m, good).
Selection: SCARABEN

2.20 HOUGHTON CONDITIONS STAKES

(2-Y-O: £7,805: 7f) (5 runners)

201	(5)	3	BABINDA 23 (S Manana) C Brittain 8-12	B Doyle	94
202	(4)	0	MIGWAR 16 (Umm Qarn Racing) L Cumani 8-12	K Darley	82
203	(1)		SAMRAAN (K Al-Mudhaf) J Dunlop 8-12	W Carson	–
204	(3)	1	WIGHT 14 (D,S) (G Mazza) R Hannon 8-10	T Quinn	–
205	(2)	65	MADAME STEINLEN 5 (E Parker) B Hills 8-7	M Hills	[illegible]

BETTING: 2-1 Wight, 9-4 Samraan, 7-2 Babinda, 6-1 Madame Steinlen, 8-1 Migwar

1994: SMART ALEC 8-12 J Weaver (4-5 fav) L Cumani 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

BABINDA 3½l 3rd of 12 to Sketchbook in maiden at Pontefract (6f, good). MIGWAR 9½l 11th of 23 to Astor Place in maiden over course and distance (good). SAMRAAN (foaled 11 Jan). Half-brother by Green Dancer to several winners including very useful juvenile Star Talent; dam won over 6f-1m 2f. WIGHT beat Fleet Key 4½l in maiden at San Siro (7f, soft). MADAME STEINLEN about 9¾l 5th of 18 to Oleana in maiden at Leicester (7f, good).
Selection: BABINDA

3.00 TOTE CESAREWITCH HANDICAP

(£46,170: 2m 2f) (21 runners)

301	(5)	163-202	SHONARA'S WAY 14 (C,G,S) (Mrs A Chandris) R Charlton 4-9-10	K Darley	91
302	(1)	3-42141	NEW REPUTATION 22 (C,F,G) (R Sangster) B Hills 4-9-5	M Hills	97
303	(19)	00220/0	PISTOL RIVER 21 (V,F,S) (P Green) N Waller 5-9-4	J Stack (3)	–
304	(9)	194443	STAR RAGE 7 (F,G) (D Abell) M Johnston 5-8-13 (4ex)	J Weaver	90
305	(3)	11/314-0	SUN OF SPRING 50 (F,G) (Mrs P Sherwood) J White 5-8-11	S Drowne (3)	87
306	(16)	503160	BLAZE AWAY 19 (F,G) (P Mellon) I Balding 4-8-11	W Ryan	90
307	(14)	0-65104	TOP CEES 38 (D,F,G) (R Sangster) Mrs J Ramsden 5-8-11	K Fallon	93
308	(8)	042112	SALEEL 38 (BF,F) (A Al Maktoum) A Stewart 3-8-8	M Roberts	[illegible]
309	(12)	214000	SHADIRWAN 21 (B,F,G) (C Batt) B Akehurst 4-8-5	T Quinn	90
310	(6)	2-03128	SHINING HIGH 47 (F) (Mrs M Burrell) J Dunlop 3-8-4	R Cochrane	87
311	(10)	511131	SALAMAN 53 (D,F,G) (Lady Cohen) J Dunlop 3-8-1	W Carson	88
312	(7)	200-310	ROBERTY LEA 12 (F,G,S) (Westdale Const Ltd) Mrs M Reveley 7-7-13	S Sanders	97
313	(11)	632404	SEA FREEDOM 8 (Miss B Swire) G Balding 4-7-12	N Varley (3)	93
314	(15)	100/2-00	FIVE TO SEVEN 12 (G,S) (Five to Seven Partners) C Thornton 6-7-11	A Mackay	88
315	(13)	12303-4	OLD RED 29 (F,G) (A Flannigan) Mrs M Reveley 5-7-11	L Charnock	93
316	(2)	5-21010	INCHCAILLOCH 12 (F,G,S) (F Carter) J King 6-7-8	G Bardwell	89
317	(20)	001/010	IMAD 57 (F,S) (A Brackley) J White 5-7-8	Dale Gibson	90
318	(18)	012551	TORCH VERT 28 (F,G) (J Hanson) B Hills 3-7-7	M Henry (5)	98
319	(21)	111240	NANTON POINT 7 (F,G) (L Lazarus) Lady Herries 3-7-7	J Quinn	83
320	(4)	214263	WILD STRAWBERRY 12 (F,G) (Copyforce) Miss B Sanders 6-7-7	D Wright (3)	87
321	(17)	534180	BRUMON 12 (F,G) (M Flynn) T Dyer 4-7-7	M Baird (5)	88

Long handicap: Nanton Point 7-3, Wild Strawberry 7-2, Brumon 7-1.

BETTING: 3-1 Top Cees, 9-2 Saleel, 6-1 Salaman, 10-1 Torch Vert, New Reputation, 12-1 Imad, 16-1 Old Red, Shadirwan, 20-1 others.

1994: CAPTAIN'S GUEST 4-9-9 A Clark (25-1) G Harwood 32 ran

FORM FOCUS

NEW REPUTATION beat Bahamian Sunshine ½l in 8-runner conditions race at Haydock (1m 6f, good). STAR RAGE neck and 9l 3rd of 13 to Tudor Island in handicap at York (1m 6f, good) with NANTON POINT (4lb worse off) 7l 8th. TOP CEES best effort beat Harlestone Brook 5l in 18-runner Ladbroke Chester Cup (2m 2f, good to firm). SALEEL neck 2nd of 8 to Grey Shot in handicap at Doncaster (1m 6f 132yd, good to firm) with TOP CEES 5½l 4th. SHINING HIGH neck 2nd of 5 to College Don in handicap on the July Course (2m, good to firm) on penultimate start. SALAMAN beat Non Vintage 3½l in 4-runner conditions race at Pontefract (2m 2f good to firm). TORCH VERT beat Kalou 2l in handicap at Ayr (1m 5f, good).
Selection: SALEEL

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
R Charlton	21	100	21.0	Pat Eddery	109	537	20.3
E Alston	5	28	17.9	D R McCabe	10	62	16.1
Miss L Siddall	7	44	15.9	W R Swinburn	64	416	15.4
J Gosden	57	365	15.6	J Weaver	20	145	13.8
P Chapple-Hyam	19	126	15.1	J Stack	4	29	13.8

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

105 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. S — good to soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

3.35 OLIVIER DOUIEB MEMORIAL RATED HANDICAP

(£9,925: 5f) (12 runners)

401	(10)	143003	BRAVE EDGE 21 (D,F,G) (Mrs M Roper) R Hannon 4-9-7	Pat Eddery	[illegible]
402	(1)	352010	DON'T WORRY ME 38 (D,F) (M Coventry) F Lee 3-9-6	M Roberts	93
403	(6)	406100	ROCK SYMPHONY 56 (D,G) (Mrs C Feather) W Haggas 5-8-12	M Hills	96
404	(11)	211503	JAWLAAT 15 (F,S) (H Al Maktoum) J Dunlop 3-8-11	W Carson	97
405	(3)	605130	TAKADOU 7 (CD,F,G,S) (F Tyldesley) Miss L Siddall 4-8-11	J Weaver	98
406	(5)	060546	SASEEDO 7 (CD,F,G) (S Fustok) W Muir 5-8-10	J Williams	96
407	(12)	200644	SNOWING 48 (D,F,G) (Mrs T Stack) T Stack (Ire) 4-8-9	J Reid	97
408	(4)	0-00125	PALACEGATE JACK 14 (B,D,F,G,S) (Palacegate Ltd) J Berry 4-8-9	G Carter	88
409	(8)	160060	ZIGGY'S DANCER 7 (D,F,G) (F Berry) E Alston 4-8-9	K Fallon	97
410	(3)	131030	MR BERGERAC 13 (D,F,S) (P Jacob) B Palling 4-8-7	T Sprake	97
411	(2)	022001	CROFT POOL 21 (D,G) (Countrywide Classics) J Glover 4-8-7	S D Williams	96
412	(7)	000000	ASHTINA 7 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs S Lyne) R Pearce 10-8-7	D R McCabe (3)	97

Long handicap: Croft Pool 8-5, Ashtina 8-3.

BETTING: 7-2 Brave Edge, 9-2 Jawlaat, 6-1 Rock Symphony, 7-1 Don't Worry Me, 8-1 Saseedo, 10-1 Palacegate Jack, 12-1 others.

1994: MISTER JOLSON 5-8-8 R Cochrane (9-2) R Hodges 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

BRAVE EDGE head and 2½l 3rd of 13 to Spaniards Close in handicap at Ascot (5f, good) with SASEEDO (2lb worse off) 1l and neck 5th. JAWLAAT neck and ¾l 3rd of 12 to Doctor's Glory in handicap here (6f, good). TAKADOU best effort beat Lucky Parkes 1½l at Newcastle (5f, good). SNOWING about 4½l 4th to Fleet Petite in handicap at Tralee (5f, good to firm). CROFT POOL beat Palacegate neck in handicap at Haydock (5f, good).
Selection: BRAVE EDGE

4.15 DUBAI CHAMPION STAKES

(Group I: £179,520: 1m 2f) (8 runners)

501	(2)	50-3040	ENVIRONMENT FRIEND 84 (C,D,F,G) (W Gredley) C Brittain 7-9-2	M Roberts	83
502	(5)	132114	GERMANY 20 (D,F,G,S) (J Abdullah Bruno Schutz) (Ger) 4-9-2	J Weaver	97
503	(3)	331221	BAHRI 21 (F,G) (H Al Maktoum) J Dunlop 3-8-10	W Carson	[illegible]
504	(7)	6-34312	FAHAL 35 (D,F,G) (H Al Maktoum) D Morley 3-8-10	R Hills	90
505	(6)	220121	MONTJOY 60 (D,F,G) (G Meynell) P Cole 3-8-10	Pat Eddery	84
506	(4)	312011	RIYADIAN 21 (D,G,S) (Fahd Salman) P Cole 3-8-10	T Quinn	95
507	(1)	1-1102	SPECTRUM 27 (F,G,S) (Lord Weinstock) P Chapple-Hyam 3-8-10	J Reid	92
508	(6)	11121	TAMURE 27 (C,D,F,G,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 3-8-10	W R Swinburn	90

BETTING: 2-1 Tamure, 9-4 Bahri, 11-4 Riyadian, 5-1 Spectrum, 12-1 Germany, 14-1 Fahal, Montjoy, 25-1 Environment Friend.

1994: DERNIER EMPEREUR 4-9-4 S Guillot (8-1) (A Fabre (Fr)) 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

GERMANY beat Lecroix 5l in 10-runner group I Grosser preis von Baden at Baden-Baden (1m 4f, soft) on penultimate start. BAHRI beat Ridgewood Pearl 6l in 6-runner group I Queen Elizabeth II Stakes at Ascot (1m, good). FAHAL 1½l 2nd of 6 to Tranis in 6-runner group III Select Stakes at Goodwood (1m 2f, good). MONTJOY beat Warning Shadows neck in 7-runner Prix Guillaume D'Ornano at Deauville (1m 2f, good). RIYADIAN beat Richard Of York 5l in 8-runner group III Cumberland Lodge Stakes at Ascot (1m 4f, good). SPECTRUM beat Adaradi 1l in 9-runner Irish 2000 Guineas at Curragh (1m, good to firm) with BAHRI short-head 3rd. TAMURE beat SPECTRUM (7lb better off) neck in 5-runner group III Prix du Prince d'Orange at Longchamp (1m 2f, heavy). Previously 1l 2nd of 15 to Lammtarra in Vodafone Derby at Epsom (1m 4f, good to firm) with FAHAL 2l 4th, RIYADIAN 3¾l 7th.
Selection: SPECTRUM (nap)

4.45 BEDFORD LODGE HOTEL BENTINCK STAKES

(Listed race £14,068: 6f) (12 runners)

601	(5)	300100	DOUBLE BLUE 20 (CD,F,G,S) (P Huggins) M Johnston 6-8-12	J Weaver	[illegible]
602	(2)	4-11556	EL YASAF 16 (F,G,S) (Red Street House) C Allen 7-8-13	G Carter	95
603	(6)	031004	HELLO MISTER 7 (C,D,F,G,S) (B Morris) J O'Donoghue 4-8-13	P McCabe	94
604	(9)	6-21000	INDHAR 16 (C,F,G,S) (Mrs P Revley) J Banks 4-8-12	J Quinn	87
605	(12)	636221	INDIAN FLY 36 (D,G,S) (Mrs C Harrington) R Hannon 4-8-13	Pat Eddery	87
606	(8)	123403	SAINT EXPRESS 17 (D,BF,F,G) (D Hall) Mrs M Reveley 5-8-13	K Darley	90
607	(10)	214111	IKTAMAL 35 (D,F,G) (H Al Maktoum) E Dunlop 3-8-11	W R Swinburn	89
608	(5)	13-1335	STYLISH WAYS 100 (D,BF,G,S) (Mollers Racing) G Wragg 3-8-11	M Hills	84
609	(7)	638421	ROYALE FIGURINE 28 (D,F,G,S) (C Pearman) M Fetherston-Godley 4-8-8	J Reid	97
610	(4)	562021	DOCTOR'S GLORY 15 (CD,F,G) (Cheveley Park Stud) R Hannon 3-8-6	M Roberts	84
611	(11)	160121	SOUTH ROCK 21 (F,G) (B Farr) J Glover 3-8-6	S D Williams	83
612	(1)	100325	WARNING STAR 38 (F) (S Green) B Hills 3-8-6	R Hills	88

BETTING: 4-1 Iktamal, 5-1 Royale Figurine, 6-1 Warning Star, 7-1 Doctor's Glory, 8-1 Double Blue, Indian Fly, 10-1 Hello Mister, 12-1 others.

1994: ELRAFA AH 3-8-5 R Hills (5-1) H Thomson Jones 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

DOUBLE BLUE best recent effort, beat Lennox Lewis 2½l in 14-runner handicap at Ripon (6f good to firm). HELLO MISTER about 1½l 5th of 24 to Coastal Bluff in handicap at Ascot (6f, soft). INDIAN FLY beat Cadeaux Tryst head in 11-runner handicap at Goodwood (7f good). IKTAMAL completed treble, beat La Petite Fusee short-head in handicap at Goodwood (6f, good). ROYALE FIGURINE beat No Extras neck in Ayr Gold Cup Handicap (6f good). Previously short-head 2nd of 11 to Cheyenne Spirit in listed race on July course here (6f good) with SAINT EXPRESS 1¾l 4th. WARNING STAR 1½l 2nd of 10 to Missed Flight in Prix de Meautry at Deauville (6f, good to soft) on penultimate start.
Selection: WARNING STAR

5.20 NGK SPARK PLUGS HANDICAP

(£6,732: 7f) (12 runners)

1	(11)	1100-56	ETHBAAT 199 (D,F) (Fayzad Ltd) W Muir 4-9-10	J Reid	89
2	(8)	130	HAWAASH 16 (D,G) (B Hassabah) J Fanshawe 3-9-9	D Harrison	97
3	(1)	206345	EMERGING MARKET 25 (F) (P Wroughton) J Dunlop 3-9-7	Pat Eddery	94
4	(3)	031020	MIDWICH CUCKOO 42 (V,F) (Mrs H Keswick) P Walwyn 3-9-4	R Cochrane	92
5	(2)	411415	MULLITOVER 14 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs D Mulley) M Heaton-Ellis 5-9-4	M Roberts	96
6	(12)	412520	YOUDONTSAY 7 (F) (T Nicholls) R Curtis 3-9-0	D Wright (3)	98
7	(7)	031314	BRECONGILL LAD 7 (B,C,F,G) (Three Horse Shoes) Miss S Hall 3-8-11	R Hills	95
8	(4)	114032	DELIGHT OF DAWN 12 (CD,F,G) (A Ivory) F Ivory 3-8-4	J Stack (3)	97
9	(6)	212124	IT'S ACADEMIC 13 (D,BF,F,G,S) (J Chester) Mrs J Ramsden 3-8-2	J F Egan	96
10	(5)	621-00	STOLEN MELODY 14 (C,F) (Mrs A Upsdell) S Dow 3-8-2	S Sanders	92
11	(10)	400-000	SET THE FASHION 20 (V,D,F,G,S) Lord Huntingdon 6-7-9	M Henry (5)	[illegible]
12	(9)	064000	MOUJEEB 17 (V,C,G) (Mrs C Guignard) Pat Mitchell 5-7-7	J Quinn	92

Long handicap: Moujeeb 6-13.

BETTING: 7-2 Emerging Market, 4-1 It's Academic, 9-2 Mullitover, 6-1 Brecongill Lad, 8-1 Hawaash, 10-1 Ethbaat, Delight Of Dawn, 12-1 others.

1994: POLISH ADMIRAL 3-9-10 L Dettori (13-2) C Wall 28 ran

FORM FOCUS

HAWAASH 1½l 3rd of 5 to Inzar in conditions race at Goodwood (7f, good) on penultimate start. EMERGING MARKET about 1l 4th of 11 to Indian Fly in handicap at Goodwood (7f, good) on penultimate start. MIDWICH CUCKOO 3½l 2nd of 5 to Romanzof in handicap at Yarmouth (7f, good to firm) on penultimate start. MULLITOVER about ¾l 5th of 30 to Sarrah in handicap over course and distance (good to firm). YOUDONTSAY short-head 2nd of 11 to Neverending in handicap at Goodwood (7f, good) on penultimate start. BRECONGILL LAD about 3½l 4th of 23 to Double Bounce in handicap at York (6f, good).
Selection: MULLITOVER

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GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: 5F-7F, LOW BEST SIS

2.05 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND PROSPECT HILL MAIDEN STAKES

(2-Y-O: £4,013: 5f) (15 runners)

1	0	GREEN BARRIES 31 M Johnston 9-0	T Williams	2
2	0	JIVE BABY 82 N Bycroft 9-0	S Maloney	4
3	2005	JOHAYRO 19 (B) W G M Turner 9-0	C Adamson (7)	6
4	00	PRINCELY AFFAIR 16 M Bell 9-0	F Norton	3
5	05	HI HOH 31 M Bell 8-9	M Fenton	12
6	2	IL DORIA 158 J Berry 8-9	J Carroll	11
7	4030	KATIE KOMAITE 70 J Wilson 8-9	P Fessey (5)	7
8	4	NEED YOU BADLY 16 S Woods 8-9	W Woods	14
9	30	POLAR REFRAIN 14 Mrs J Ramsden 8-9	M Deering	9
10	0602	POLY BY STAUFAN 18 M Channon 8-9	W Newnes	13
11	05	QUEENS CHECK 20 Miss J Craze 8-9	S Webster	15
12	000	SANDBLASTER 116 Mrs J Ramsden 8-9	N Connorton	5
13	0005	SWIFTY NIFTY 14 J Berry 8-9	N Carlisle	1
14	05	TAHYA 16 H Thomson Jones 8-9	G Duffield	10
15		TIME TO TANGO G Moore 8-9	D McKeown	8

9-2 Il Doria, 6-1 Need You Badly, 7-1 Poly By Staufan, Hi Hoh, 10-1 Johayro, Tahya, 12-1 others.

2.40 PLODMIRE WOOD CLAIMING STAKES

(£3,084: 1m 3f 214yd) (10)

1	1502	LATVIAN 19 (CD,F,G) R Allan 8-9-4	G Duffield	2
2	2303	ONCE MORE FOR LUCK 9 (G,S) Mrs Reveley 4-9-2	A Culhane	6
3	0040	MOOFAJI 69 F Watson 4-8-11	S Maloney	8
4	2-00	ADALDALDO 16 P Kelleway 3-8-10	D McKeown	4
5	0040	BAROSKI 88 J L Harris 4-8-10	R Price	1
6	0400	GREEK GOLD 21 (G) D Nicholls 6-8-10	Alex Greaves	3
7	0-00	LE TEMERAIRE 64 (D,F,G) E Weymes 9-8-9	Kim Tinkler	5
8	5603	GOODBYE MILLIE 19 (V,C,D,F,G,S) J Eyre 5-8-6	R Lappin	10
9	5068	SALLYOREALLY 28 W Storey 4-8-4	J Carroll	9
10	00-0	HERE COMES HERBIE 46 W Storey 3-8-1	P Fessey (5)	7

5-2 Once More For Luck, 3-1 Latvian, 4-1 Goodbye Millie, 8-1 others.

3.15 CAMP PLANTATION NURSERY HANDICAP

(2-Y-O: £4,565: 7f) (20)

1	1064	TOO HASTY 26 (CD,BF,F) M H Easterby 9-7	M Birch	19
2	3310	TAUFAN BOY 22 (D,G) P Harris 9-4	W Newnes	13
3	1020	SHONTAINE 28 (F,G) M Johnston 9-4	T Williams	2
4	6624	EMPEREGRINE 18 (V) C Wall 9-0	J Lowe	5
5	6310	WORLDWIDE ELSIE 114 (B) R Harris 8-10	D Batteate	18
6	0041	GOLDEN POND 12 (F) R Johnson Houghton 8-9	A McGlone	4
7	6350	ROYAL CEILIDH 29 (G) Denys Smith 8-7	C Teague (5)	9
8	403	ECCENTRIC DANCER 11 M Bielby 8-5	A Culhane	3
9	3265	JUICY 18 W Haggas 8-5	W Woods	1
10	6000	GLADYS ALTHORPE 12 (C,F) J Eyre 8-4	R Lappin	6
11	5200	ANCESTRAL JANE 18 Mrs J Ramsden 8-3	J Carroll	17
12	0106	DISTANT STORM 53 (D,F) M Bell 8-1	M Fenton	11
13	2160	SILVER WELCOME 11 (D,F) M H Easterby 8-0	S Maloney	8
14	3130	VESHCA LADY 11 (CD,F) E Weymes 8-0	N Kennedy	14
15	5050	SERIOUS TRUST 36 M Prescott 8-0	G Duffield	20
16	0454	MOONCUSSER 17 J Fitzgerald 8-0	S Davies	10
17	1550	EVERYONE CAN DREAM 29 (F) Denys Smith 7-11	Darren Moffatt (3)	12
18	0020	THE WAD 9 D Nicholls 7-10	P Fessey (5)	7
19	0040	PRIDE OF KASHMIR 11 P Harris 7-9	F Norton	16
20	5041	NAPOLEON'S RETURN 11 (D,F) G Moore 7-6	N Adams	15

7-1 Golden Pond, 8-1 Ancestral Jane, 12-1 Too Hasty, Eccentric Dancer, Mooncusser, 14-1 Emperegrine, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: R Allan, 3 winners from 8 runners, 37.5%; W Haggas, 3 from 9, 33.3%; M Prescott, 11 from 37, 29.7%; C Wall, 3 from 11, 27.3%; R Johnson Houghton, 3 from 11, 27.3%.

JOCKEYS: S Davies, 5 winners from 23 rides, 21.7%, J Carroll, 31 from 158, 19.6%; G Duffield, 13 from 88, 14.8%, N Connorton, 9 from 68, 13.2%; M Fenton, 3 from 23, 13.0%, Alex Greaves, 7 from 64, 10.9%.

3.50 SOUR BECK CONDITIONS STAKES

(2-Y-O: £3,818: 5f) (8)

1	0521	MILETRIAN REFURB 16 (D,G) M Channon 9-1	P P Murphy (5)	7
2	4	COLWAY BRIDGE 65 Mrs M Reveley 8-11	A Culhane	6
3	3432	AMY LEIGH 25 (D,G) J Wilson 8-10	P Fessey (5)	3
4	2150	ARRHYTHMIC 29 (B,D,F) M Brittain 8-10	M Fenton	8
5	2435	BORN A LADY 26 (D,G) N Littmoden 8-10	N Carlisle	2
6	3410	SHAFIR 29 (CD,G) J Berry 8-10	J Carroll	1
7		CALL ME JENDIE J Leigh 8-6	D McKeown	5
8	2	DWINGELOO 28 D Chappell 8-6	W Woods	4

5-4 Dwingeloo, 5-1 Arrhythmic, 11-2 Shafir, 6-1 Amy Leigh, 7-1 Born A Lady, 8-1 Colway Bridge, 10-1 others.

4.25 CROW HOLE BANK HANDICAP

(£4,565: 5f) (19)

1	5245	LADY SHERIFF 7 (B,CD,F,G) M W Easterby 4-9-10	P Fessey (5)	17
2	0023	HERE COMES A STAR 10 (CD,F,G) J Carr 7-9-6	A Culhane	15
3	1100	SUPER ROCKY 17 (D,F,G) R Bastiman 6-9-6	H Bastiman (5)	5
4	3236	LEPINE 30 (B,D,BF,F,S) J Wains 4-9-5	N Connorton	7
5	2606	INSIDER TRADER 10 (B,CD,F,G) R Guest 4-9-4	G Duffield	12
6	1050	SPENDER 24 (D,F,G) P Harris 6-9-4	W Newnes	2
7	-600	POLLY PARTICULAR 10 (D,G,S) T Barron 3-9-4	A McGlone	4
8	5005	THATCHERELLA 13 (D,F,G,S) D Chappell 4-9-3	W Woods	19
9	0000	SUPER PARK 17 (S) M H Easterby 3-8-13	M Birch	18
10	5500	LOCHON 23 (C,D,F,G) J Eyre 4-8-2	R Lappin	16
11	0023	DOMICKSKY 4 (D,F,G,S) M Channon 7-8-0	P P Murphy (5)	5
12	0040	BREAKFAST CREEK 30 (D,G) J Berry 3-8-0	N Adams	1
13	4120	SERIOUS HURRY 19 (B,D,F,G) R McKellar 7-7-13	K Sked (7)	13
14	0-00	LOCAL HEROINE 17 (B,D,F) J Berry 5-7-11	N Carlisle	11
15	5050	MADWATY 23 (B,D,S) M Chapman 3-7-9	N Kennedy	14
16	3040	THE FED 26 (V,CD,F,S) R Whitaker 5-7-8	J Lowe	3
17	0400	KEMESHA 30 (B) D Nolan 5-7-7	C Adamson (7)	8
18	0000	SLIVOVITZ 52 (V,F,G) M Heaton-Ellis 5-7-7	Amanda Sanders (7)	10
19	0605	BLACK BOY 32 (B) R Marvin 8-7-7	Claire Balding	9

7-1 Insider Trader, Domicksky, 8-1 Super Rocky, Polly Particular, Lady Sheriff, 10-1 Here Comes A Star, 12-1 others.

4.55 THIEVES GILL LIMITED STAKES

(£3,280: 1m 5f 175yd) (6)

1	2300	DIAMOND CROWN 11 (F) M Wane 4-9-6	J Carroll	6
2	00-0	BOLD JOKER 95 G Oldroyd 4-9-4	J Lowe	3
3	0120	ZANZARA 40 (CD,F) Mrs V Aconley 4-9-1	M Deering	1
4	1440	CLIBURNEL NEWS 4 (F,G) A Streeter 5-8-13	D Denby (7)	2
5	1-0	PEEP O DAY 9 (C,F) J Eyre 4-8-13	R Lappin	5
6	3460	NEVER TIME 22 Mrs V Aconley 3-8-9	A Culhane	4

7-4 Cliburnel News, 3-1 Diamond Crown, 5-1 Never Time, 6-1 Zanzara, 7-1 Peep O Day, 8-1 Bold Joker.

5.30 CLOSE OF PLAY HANDICAP

(£3,925: 7f) (20)

1	2251	KID ORY 22 (D,G) P Calver 4-9-12	M Birch	5
2	0100	SUPEROO 35 (C,D,F,G) Mrs P Sly 9-9-11	A Culhane	4
3	4000	GARNOCK VALLEY 38 (F,S) J Berry 5-9-10	J Carroll	10
4	0560	BLUE BOMBER 70 (F,G) T Barron 4-9-9	W Newnes	20
5	0460	FIELD OF VISION 14 (D,F) M Johnston 5-9-9	T Williams	16
6	6533	PRIMO LARA 35 P Harris 3-9-7	M Fenton	17
7	4010	KINDERGARTEN BOY 35 (D,F,G) R Boss 4-9-6	A McGlone	3
8	0302	MOROCCO 13 (D,F,S) M Channon 6-9-4	P P Murphy (5)	11
9	0531	MBULWA 2 (D,F,G,S) R Fahey 9-9-1 (6ex)	N Connorton	14
10	0500	ALMASI 17 (G) C Wall 3-9-0	G Duffield	2
11	0000	PENNY'S WISHING 12 (C,G) J Leigh 3-8-13	P Fessey (5)	12
12	2001	NIGHT WINK 5 (D,G) D Nicholls 3-8-12	Alex Greaves	19
13	5665	PANTHER 19 (G,S) J Hetherton 5-8-10	N Kennedy	8
14	0534	HELLO HOBSON'S 22 (F,G) R Bastiman 5-8-9	D McKeown	18
15	4400	JOHNNIE THE JOKER 22 (B,D,F,G) J Leigh 4-8-7	F Norton	1
16	0000	TWICE IN BUNDORAN 17 (G) P Felgate 4-8-7	J Lowe	15
17	6200	CHEF'S LADY 18 C Allen 3-8-5	S Davies	6
18	-539	KIRA 28 J Eyre 5-8-3	R Lappin	9
19	0005	MU-ARRIK 21 (F,G) G Oldroyd 7-8-2	N Carlisle	7
20	00-0	EVANRO 21 (G) T Barron 4-8-2	R Price	13

6-1 Mbulwa, 8-1 Kid Ory, Morocco, 10-1 Night Wink, Primo Lara, 14-1 Superoo, Kindergarten Bay, 16-1 others.

☐ Sheikh Mohammed's Richard Of York is the sole British-based runner at the Curragh today where he contests the group two Blandford Stakes. He is likely to start a short-priced favourite.

KEMPTON PARK

THUNDERER

2.15 What's In Orbit. 2.50 Jalcanto. 3.20 Atours. 3.55 General Rusty. 4.30 Bertone. 5.00 Daily Starlight.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES) SIS

2.15 FERRY BOAT HANDICAP CHASE

(£4,351: 2m) (5 runners)

1	01-2	WHAT'S IN ORBIT 8 (D,F,G,S) P Nicholls 10-11-10	A P McCoy	96
2	5-54	DRUMSTICK 16 (D,F,G,S) K Bailey 9-11-7	R Dunwoody	[illegible]
3	220-	MR FELIX 212 (D,F,G,S) J Gifford 9-10-5	B Powell	97
4	4-31	WICKFIELD LAD 23 (D,F,S) N Babbage 12-10-0	Mr R Johnson (5)	88
5	-P16	MANAMOUR 23 (D,F) R Lee 8-10-0	C Llewellyn	79

5-4 What's In Orbit, 2-1 Mr Felix, 9-2 Wickfield Lad, 7-1 Drumstick, 25-1 Manamour.

2.50 PARK HANDICAP HURDLE

(£4,811: 2m 5f) (6)

1	214-	NEMURO 161 (F,G) D Elsworth 7-12-0	Mr P Henley (7)	98
2	1-6P	AARDWOLF 18 (G,S) C Brooks 4-11-8	G Bradley	93
3	-111	MUSKORA 21 (B,F,G) P Hobbs 6-11-5	G Tormey (3)	[illegible]
4	211-	JALCANTO 33F (D,F) Mrs M Reveley 5-10-8	P Niven	98
5	3252	WELSHMAN 11 (C,F,G,S) M Blanshard 9-10-4	D Gallagher	98
6	113-	KARAR 138 (D,F,G,S) R Rowe 5-10-3	D O'Sullivan	86

9-4 Jalcanto, 7-2 Muskora, 4-1 Aardwolf, 9-2 Nemuro, 6-1 Karar, 14-1 Welshman.

3.20 CAPTAIN QUIST HURDLE

(£6,873: 2m) (4)

1	260-	ATOURS 64F (D,F,G,S) D Elsworth 7-11-10	P Holley	[illegible]
2	160-	CHIEF'S SONG 15F (D,G) S Dow 5-11-5	A Dicken	70
3	325-	SURREY DANCER 10F (D,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 7-11-5	P Niven	88
4	1124	FLYING EAGLE 14 (D,F) J White 4-10-13	A P McCoy	65

1-3 Atours, 11-4 Surrey Dancer, 6-1 Chief's Song, 50-1 Flying Eagle

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: K Bailey, 9 winners from 38 runners, 23.7%; O Sherwood, 9 from 41, 22.0%; Miss H Knight, 5 from 27, 18.5%; D Elsworth, 8 from 54, 14.8%; P Hobbs, 5 from 34, 14.7%; J Gifford, 12 from 84, 14.3%.

JOCKEYS: M Dwyer, 3 winners from 6 rides, 50.0%; R Dunwoody, 21 from 94, 22.3%; M A Fitzgerald, 12 from 54, 22.2%; Peter Hobbs, 10 from 49, 20.4%; J Osborne, 24 from 121, 19.8%.

3.55 CHARISMA GOLD CUP

(Handicap chase: £10,601: 3m) (9)

1	P11-	OATIS REGRETS 200 (F,S) Miss H Knight 7-11-10	J F Titley	91
2	121-	UNHOLY ALLIANCE 148 (D,F,G,S) K Bailey 8-11-10	M Dwyer	98
3	134/	BAS DE LAINE 563 (C,F,G) O Sherwood 9-11-1	J Osborne	–
4	F21-	GREENHILL RAFFLES 149 (F,G,S) P Hobbs 9-10-12	G McCourt	98
5	111-	BAYROUGE 214 (G,S) Mrs M Reveley 7-10-10	P Niven	96
6	1P/0	THE GLOW 11 (B,G,S) D Elsworth 7-10-5	P Holley	–
7	-211	GENERAL RUSTY 14 (F,G) C Mann 7-10-4	R Dunwoody	90
8	-113	MUTUAL TRUST 14 (D,F,G,S) P Hobbs 11-10-3	G Tormey (3)	[illegible]
9	1U-1	STRAIGHT TALK 14 (D,F,G,S) P Nicholls 8-10-3	A P McCoy	98

11-4 Oatis Regrets, 3-1 Unholy Alliance, 5-1 Bayrouge, 11-2 Greenhill Raffles, 8-1 General Rusty, Mutual Trust, Straight Talk, 14-1 others.

4.30 THAMES NOVICES CHASE (£3,469: 2m) (4)

1	/F-1	BERTONE 10 (F,G) K Bailey 6-11-6	R Dunwoody	[illegible]
2	6-1U	CAPTAIN KHEDIVE 22 (D,BF,F,G,S) P Nicholls 7-11-6	A P McCoy	80
3	1133	WAVE HILL 9 (F) P Hedger 6-11-0	M A Fitzgerald	–
4	POF/	MISS MUIRE 532 (F,G) R Curtis 9-10-9	D Morris	–

4-5 Bertone, 11-10 Captain Khedive, 25-1 Wave Hill, 50-1 Miss Muire

5.00 RIVERDALE JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE

(£2,985: 2m) (16)

1	1421	AMLAH 23 (F) P Hobbs 11-10	Peter Hobbs	–
2	12	MULTY 23 (B,D,BF,F) C Mann 11-5	R Dunwoody	–
3	34	ASKING 23 J Bennett 11-0	L Harvey	–
4		DAILY STARLIGHT 15F Miss G Kelleway 11-0	A P McCoy	–
5		KILCORAN BAY 31F I Balding 11-0	G Bradley	–
6		KREEF 25F R Curtis 11-0	D Morris	–
7		NIGHT TIME 32F O Sherwood 11-0	J Osborne	–
8		RED ADAIR 67F Bob Jones 11-0	A Dicken	–
9		VOLUNTEER 17F R O'Sullivan 11-0	D O'Sullivan	–
10		ZINGIBAR 42F B Hills 11-0	M A Fitzgerald	–
11		HARD LOVE 31F S Woods 10-9	P Niven	–
12		LAST SPIN 40F J Jenkins 10-9	M Dwyer	–
13	63	MY MUM SAID 11 P Lucion 10-9	J A McCarthy	–
14		RISK A MILLION 141F J Jenkins 10-9	C Rae (7)	–
15		SHADY DEED 18F J Hills 10-9	C Llewellyn	–
16		VANOLA 16F P Howling 10-9	P Holley	–

3-1 Amlah, 5-1 Kilcoran Bay, 6-1 Night Time, 8-1 Daily Starlight, 10-1 Multy, Zingibar, Shady Deed, 16-1 others.

Blinkered first time

CATTERICK BRIDGE: 3.50 Arrhythmic. 4.25 Lepine. KEMPTON PARK: 3.55 The Glow. Newmarket: 1.45 Misty Silks. 3.00 Shadirwan. 5.20 Midwich Cuckoo. STRATFORD: 2.55 Feaz. WOLVERHAMPTON: 7.00 Academy Life. Just Like Me, Lloc. 7.30 Gi La High. 8.00 Morris. 9.00 Penmar, Zuno Princess.

Bet on show

LADBROKES introduces an alternative to each-way betting today. "Win & Show" betting involves a horse finishing first or second in any race with eight or more runners. Successful punters will be paid a third of the win odds, rising to a half in handicaps with 16 or more runners.

"Win and each-way betting on horses accounts for nearly two-thirds of all bets placed," Paul Austin, the company spokesman, said.

RACING NEXT WEEK

MONDAY: Folkestone (first race, 1.45), Pontefract (2.00).

TUESDAY: Chepstow (2.00), Plumpton (2.15).

WEDNESDAY: Yarmouth (2.00), Exeter (1.50), Newcastle (2.10).

THURSDAY: Newbury (BBC, 2.10), Nottingham (2.00), Hereford (2.20).

FRIDAY: Doncaster (2.00), Fakenham (2.20), Newbury (BBC, 2.05).

SATURDAY: Doncaster (C4, 1.40), Newbury (BBC, 1.30), Carlisle (1.55), Huntingdon (2.15), Worcester (2.05).

SUNDAY: Wetherby (1.30), Wincanton (1.45).

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Saturday portrait: Alan Ball, by Michael Henderson

Survival represents tall order for manager with plenty to prove

ILLUSTRATION: STEVE MARTIN



The Manchester derby at Old Trafford today brings together football teams whose recent achievements and future prospects could not be polarised more expressively. Manchester United may be out of two cup competitions, but they are determined to reclaim the FA Carling Premiership title that they let slip last season, and have every chance of doing so. Manchester City are a hapless, bedraggled bunch. Bottom of the table, with a single point from eight matches, they will do well to avoid the relegation that was widely predicted for them this season before a ball was kicked.

In desperate circumstances, gallows humour offers one way of masking the pain. "What's the difference," Mancunians are asking, "between City and a cocktail stick?" "A cocktail stick has two points." The rumour in town this week is that Steve Davis is on his way to Maine Road: "City don't just need points, they want snookers."

For many, the appointment of Alan Ball as the City manager back in July was the biggest joke of all, and their laughter does not come with hindsight. A man with no obvious ability as a manager, despite spending 15 years trying to crack the code, was not likely to transform a club already marinating in the juices of its own inadequacy. Ball believes that it will take five years to make the place decent, but those are years that neither he nor Francis Lee, the City chairman and Ball's long-time mucker, have got. At the moment, they are both chained up in *la maison des chiens*.

Another heavy defeat this afternoon would be intolerable. Last season, United won 5-0 at Old Trafford and 3-0 at Maine Road, where the behaviour of the City supporters was vile, and was not denounced as strongly as it should have been. Everybody is on trial today, players and supporters, and another crushing reverse would expose Ball more than ever.

For a man who has spent 33 of his 50 years in the game, he is not handling that exposure very well. "Boo hoo, you're all perfectly beastly," is the gist of his pitch to journalists, as if he did not know the rules of the high-profile game that he has chosen to play. The newspapers have, indeed, flayed his team, and with good cause. City have scored just two goals from open play so far this season, and had two men sent off for persistent fouling. If he had wanted a quiet life, Ball could have stayed in Southampton.

He is lonely, then, but not entirely without friends. In his diary of the 1994-95 season, Alex Ferguson, the United manager, confesses to a fondness for Ball's passionate approach to football. Well, passion is all very well up to a point, and Ferguson has made good use of it in his own glittering career. If it is not properly harnessed, however, it can be the most useless of qualities and, in football, it frequently acquires a false value. The sight of Ball, wearing his

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ratter, squeaking in that alto voice, may amuse some, but only in the way that a poor turn finds giggles at the end of a Blackpool pier.

It was at Blackpool that Ball's professional playing career began after he had been rejected as a teenager by Bolton Wanderers, whose Burnden Park ground is three miles from Farnworth, where Ball was born. "You're too small, son," Bill Ridding, the Bolton manager, told him. "Go and be a jockey." It was galling for Ball that a lad of his age, who was not much taller, had made his first division debut in the Bolton team as a 15-year-old: name of Lee.

Like many small men who have been belittled, Ball put his disappointment to considerable effect, assisted by Alan Sr, his father, who did the rounds of northern clubs as a mediocre manager. By the time that he was 25, Ball Jr had won World Cup and league championship medals, broken the British transfer record, appeared in an FA Cup Final and written (or ghosted) his autobiography. If his subsequent career has seemed a bit of a let-down, nobody can deny that, in his red-haired, white-booted prime, he positively dazzled.

Ball left Blackpool after the 1966 World Cup for Everton, where he formed part of the celebrated midfield combination with Howard Kendall and Colin Harvey that did most to take the league championship to Goodison Park in 1970. By that summer, Ball, the youngest member of the 1966 World Cup-winning team, had developed from a bustling right winger into a considerable midfield player. He never became a great player, but he stood proudly among the ranks of the very good, first with Everton and subsequently with Arsenal, whom he joined in December 1971, spurning a late offer from the club that he now manages.

The Arsenal part of his story proved the least interesting. They were the double-winners when he joined them, but, despite reaching the FA Cup Final in 1972, they were a team in decline. His time there came to an end after Terry Neill was appointed manager in 1976. At the first training session, Neill stood behind the net, threw balls over the crossbar, and instructed the bemused players to shoot into the unguarded goal. Ball departed within the month.

His England career had fizzled out by then. He was only 30 in 1975 and, with Alan Hudson, he had helped England to beat West Germany, the world champions, 2-0 at Wembley. Don Revie, however, preferred to build the team around Gerry Francis, his young captain, who occupied the same midfield spaces. Ball left Highbury the next year and ended up in the second division with Southampton, where, give or take a flirtation with the North American Soccer League and Bristol Rovers, his career dissolved.

Given the kind of player that he was, and the heights that he achieved, Ball appeared a suitable candidate for management. In fact, as we know, the only member of the World Cup-winning side to make much of an impact as a manager has been Jack Charlton. Bobby Moore, Bobby Charlton and Martin Peters failed and left the stage promptly. Ball failed at Blackpool when he returned there in 1980 and has failed repeatedly since.

It all goes to show what an imprecise science football management is. How does a man like Roy Hodgson end up in Milan at Internazionale? By making a little (in terms of professional expertise) go a long way. Ball did it all as a player and look where his talent has landed him in the second half of his career.

If Ferguson is accepted as the best manager in the country, having won domestic honours on both sides of the border and taken Aberdeen and Manchester United to success in Europe, Ball must surely be the worst to hold a senior rank. His CV includes taking Portsmouth from the first division to the second, Stoke City from the second to the third, Blackpool from the third to the fourth and Exeter City to the brink of non-league football. Relegation with Manchester City would complete one of football's most remarkable full houses.

He could submit that he took Portsmouth into the first division (with an unlovely team) and kept Southampton up when he returned there two years ago. It is a thin record and convinces nobody. He was offered the job at City only because others were unavailable or did not want it. One cannot blame them when one considers the club's cavalier treatment of managers in the past.

The rehabilitation of Manchester City provides Ball with a more demanding test than anything that he has accomplished (or failed to), but do not hold your breath. It is 20 seasons since they won anything — the old League Cup under the gentle Tony Book — and they have been relegated twice in the intervening years.

So, if you catch a man in a ratter whistling along to Old Trafford today, you need not guess the tune. "Good times and bad times, I've known them all and, my dear, I'm still here."

THE TIMES MATCH-BY-MATCH GUIDE TO THE PREMIERSHIP THIS WEEKEND

ASTON VILLA v CHELSEA

A more serious test of Villa's potential than the table might suggest. Townsend is suspended and Staunton and McGrath had a physically and emotionally demanding game for Ireland against Latvia in midweek. Away from home, Chelsea show the sense of adventure of an agoraphobic. What does Ruud Gullit think about it all? Let us hope that Dan Petrescu acts as a soulmate for him. He might have anticipated lack of technique in England; lack of ambition is another matter.

LAST SEASON: Aston Villa 3 Chelsea 0
10-YEAR RECORD: 3-1, 0-0, —, —, 1-0, 2-2, 3-1, 1-3, 1-0, 3-0

How they line up

ASTON VILLA (from): M Bosnich, U Ehiogu, P McGrath, G Southgate, G Charles, J Taylor, M Draper, A Townsend, A Wright, D Yorke, S Milosevic, T Johnson, N Spink, G Fenton.
CHELSEA (from): D Kharine, R Gullit, S Clarke, A Myers, E Johnsen, F Sinclair, N Spackman, G Peacock, D Wise, C Burley, E Newton, M Stein, M Hughes, J Spencer, P Furlong, K Hitchcock.

BLACKBURN v SOUTHAMPTON

Lucky Blackburn. Last season's refrain might seem inappropriate now, but the fixtures are falling kindly for them, with Southampton following Coventry to Ewood Park. Unless, with Jack Walker watching admiringly, Matthew Le Tissier decides to make points all round, it should be Blackburn's third Premiership win of the season as they unveil Bohinen in midfield. McKinlay may have to begin on the bench.

LAST SEASON: Blackburn 3 Southampton 2
10-YEAR RECORD: —, —, —, —, —, —, 0-0, 2-0, 3-2

How they line up

Hendry, D Batty, L Bohinen, T Sherwood, W McKinlay, C Sutton, A Shearer, M Newell, S Ripley, P Warhurst, R Mimms, M Holmes, N Marker.
SOUTHAMPTON (from): D Beasant, B Grobbelaar, J Dodd, F Benali, J Magilton, R Hall, K Monkou, M Le Tissier, G Watson, N Shipperley, N Maddison, N Heaney, T Widdrington, D Hughes, S Charlton, A Nelson.

BOLTON v EVERTON

Can you have the proverbial six-pointer in October? It is a bit soon to start pressing the panic button at Goodison Park, but, if not at crisis point, Joe Royle needs a victory to turn things round. The loss of Ferguson for three months will not help, but the return of Amokachi and Kanchelskis after injury should add a cutting edge to the attack. If a win is important for Everton, it is crucial for Bolton, whose survival will depend on them winning their home matches.

LAST SEASON: No fixture
10-YEAR RECORD: No fixtures

How they line up

BOLTON WANDERERS (from): K Branagan, S McAnespie, J Phillips, G Bergsson, A Stubbs, C Fairclough, D Lee, R Sneekes, M Patterson, A Thompson, J McGinlay, F De Freitas, S Green, O Coyle, G Taggart.
EVERTON (from): N Southall, E Barrett, A Hinchcliffe, D Unsworth, C Short, J Ebbrell, A Grant, J Parkinson, A Limpar, G Stuart, D Amokachi, A Kanchelskis, P Rideout, B Horne, S Barlow, M Jackson, G Ablett.

LEEDS v ARSENAL

Ah, the memories but, recently, this has been not so much a clash of the Titans as a clash of the mediocres. Wenger's against the odds, many-play. Even with him, Leeds can be one-dimensional. Bruce Rioch is trying to change Arsenal, but, so far, with limited success. "We've got Wright with Bergkamp and it's still 1-0 to the Arsenal," a supporter lamented this week. The thought of Yeboah against Adams is appealing.

LAST SEASON: Leeds United 1 Arsenal 0
10-YEAR RECORD: —, —, —, —, 2-2, 2-2, 3-0, 2-1, 1-0

How they line up

Dorigo, N Worthington, K Sharp, P Masinge, D White, C Palmer, G McAllister, G Speed, B Deane, A Yeboah, N Whelan, M Tinkler, A Couzens, M Ford.
ARSENAL (from): D Seaman, L Dixon, A Adams, S Bould, N Winterburn, P Merson, J Jensen, M Keown, R Parlour, G Helder, D Bergkamp, I Wright, J Hartson, S Morrow, E McGoldrick, V Bartram.

LIVERPOOL v COVENTRY

Can lightning strike in the same place twice? It does not seem likely when one is talking about Coventry repeating their 3-2 victory at Anfield last season. Their defence collapsing against Fowler and company with the same brittleness as against Shearer in their last away match seems highly possible. The Midlands side are in free fall, and rolling the sleeves up and biting and fighting for a point in that situation is not a forte of Ron Atkinson's teams.

LAST SEASON: Liverpool 2 Coventry 3
10-YEAR RECORD: 5-0, 2-0, 4-0, 0-0, 0-1, 1-1, 1-0, 4-0, 1-0, 2-3

How they line up

LIVERPOOL (from): D James, R Jones, J Scales, N Ruddock, P Babb, S Harkness, S McManaman, J Redknapp, J Barnes, R Fowler, S Collymore, M Wright, I Rush, J McAteer, A Warner, M Thomas.
COVENTRY CITY (from): J Filan, A Pickering, B Borrows, P Williams, M Hall, P Telfer, M Isaias, K Richardson, P Cook, P Ndlovu, J Salako, I Christie, J Darby, D Busst, N Lamptey, J Gould.

MANCHESTER UTD v MAN CITY

That derbies do not follow form is one of football's great myths. In matches involving local rivals, good teams generally beat bad ones, but an upset could happen here — City are not as bad as their position suggests, they have enough good players to get out of trouble and they must get another point some time. United won on the injured Cantona and Keane. They are failing to kill teams off at the moment, but they are capable of repeating their 5-0 win of last season.

LAST SEASON: Manchester United 5 Manchester City 0
10-YEAR RECORD: 2-2, 2-0, —, —, 1-1, 1-0, 1-1, 2-1, 2-0, 5-0

How they line up

MANCHESTER UNITED (from): P Schmeichel, D Irwin, P Parker, G Neville, D Beckham, E Cantona, R Keane, A Cole, P Neville, S Bruce, G Pallister, P Scholes, T Cooke, N Butt, L Sharpe, R Giggs, B McClair.
MANCHESTER CITY (from): E Immel, J Foster, K Curle, K Symons, T Phelan, I Brightwell, S Lomas, M Brown, G Kinkladze, U Rosler, G Creaney, N Quinn, N Summerbee, P Beagrie, M Margetson.

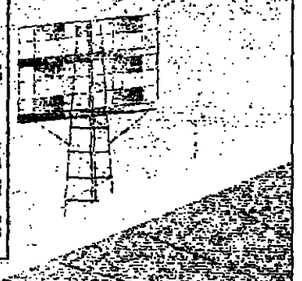
QPR v NEWCASTLE

Rangers are a better side than their position indicates, but they are fragile at home and whether they are good enough to extend Newcastle is another matter. Les Ferdinand will want to do well on his old stamping ground for the first time. His meeting with Danny Maddix could be physical — and perhaps decisive, although Newcastle have so many options that stopping Ferdinand is not the same as stopping Shearer and therefore Blackburn.

LAST SEASON: Queens Park Rangers 3 Newcastle 0
10-YEAR RECORD: 3-1, 2-1, 1-1, 3-0, —, —, —, —, 1-2, 3-0

How they line up

Brevett, T Challis, D Dichio, K Gallen, I Holloway, A Impey, A McDonald, D Maddix, S Osborn, K Ready, A Roberts, T Sinclair, J Sommer, R Wilkins.
NEWCASTLE (from): S Hislop, W Barton, J Beresford, S Howey, D Peacock, K Gillespie, R Lee, L Clark, D Ginola, R Fox, L Ferdinand, S Sellars, S Watson, P Kitson, P Srnicek.



TOTTENHAM v NOTTINGHAM FOREST

The personnel continue to change, but Forest still play and look the same. They are tight, well-organised and dangerous on the break; a good away side, as they proved with their comfortable victory in this fixture last season. They will miss Bohinen, but with Gemmill set to make a claim for a permanent place in his stead, perhaps not that much. A difficult game for Tottenham, who have begun to pat their poor start behind them.

LAST SEASON: Tottenham Hotspur 1 Nottingham Forest 4
10-YEAR RECORD: 0-3, 2-3, 1-1, 1-2, 2-3, 1-1, 1-2, 2-1, —, 1-4

How they line up

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR (from): E Walker, D Austin, R Campbell, I Edinburgh, C Wilson, C Calderwood, G Mabbutt, G McMahon, D Howells, D Anderton, R Rosenthal, J Dozzell, E Sheringham, C Armstrong, D Caskey.
NOTTINGHAM FOREST (from): M Crossley, D Lyttle, C Cooper, S Chettle, S Pearce, S Stone, L Bohinen, C Bart-Williams, I Woan, J Lee, B Roy, S Gemmill, A I Haaland, S Howe, A Silenzi.

TOMORROW

SHEFFIELD WED v MIDDLESBROUGH

Will Wednesday be any more tired up for this match than they were in the Yorkshire derby against Leeds United two weeks ago? The presence of the television cameras should provide an incentive, but they looked like relegation candidates then. Middlesbrough are the opposite: bright, purposeful and determined, although, pending the arrival of Juninho, a bit one dimensional, despite Bamby's class. What will the Brazilian make of the energetic and typically English Jamie Pollock?

LAST SEASON: No fixture
10-YEAR RECORD: —, —, —, 1-0, —, 2-0, —, 2-3, —, —

How they line up

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (from): K Pressman, I Nolan, P Atherton, D Walker, A Pearce, M Pembridge, C Waddle, G Hyde, M Degryse, D Hirst, M Bright, J Sheridan, L Briscoe, G Whittingham, O Donaldson.
MIDDLESBROUGH (from): G Walsh, N Cox, C Morris, S Vickers, N Pearson, D Whyte, N Barmby, J Pollock, J A Fjortoft, R Mustoe, C Hignett, J Hendrie.

HOW THEY STAND

		P	Pts	Goal diff	Recent form
1	Newcastle	8	21	+13	WLWWW
2	Aston Villa	8	17	+7	WDWDW
3	Manchester Utd	8	17	+6	WWWDD
4	Liverpool	8	16	+8	WLWWD
5	Leeds	8	16	+5	DLLWW
6	Arsenal	8	15	+5	DWWWL
7	Middlesbro	8	15	+5	DDWWW
8	Nottm Forest	8	14	+5	DDWDW
9	Tottenham	8	14	+3	DWWWW
10	Chelsea	8	12	+2	DWDLW
11	Wimbledon	8	10	-3	DWDLL
12	QPR	8	9	-5	LLWLW
13	Sheffield Wed	8	8	-3	DWDDL
14	Blackburn	8	7	-3	LDLWL
15	Everton	8	7	-3	WLLLL
16	West Ham	8	6	-4	DDLLW
17	Southampton	8	6	-7	DWDLL
18	Coventry	8	6	-10	DDLLL
19	Bolton	8	4	-10	LDLLL
20	Manchester City	8	1	-11	LLLLL

MONDAY

WIMBLEDON v WEST HAM

Are Sky trying to change the cultural habits of the nation and drive people out of the house in search of entertainment on a Monday? Gary Lineker once said that Wimbledon are best watched on Teletext, but on West Ham's showing in the last Monday match, against Southampton at The Dell, Wimbledon are the more attractive side. Perhaps the derby atmosphere — Wimbledon can edge at Selhurst Park — will help. The Monk Chronicle should might be a better bet.

LAST SEASON: Wimbledon 1 West Ham United 0
10-YEAR RECORD: —, 0-1, 1-1, 0-1, —, —, 2-0, —, 1-2, 1-0

How they line up

WIMBLEDON (from): P Heald, K Cunningham, A Kimble, St Elkins, A Thom, C Perry, A Reeves, V Jones, R Earle, O Lacombarden, M Gayle, J Holdsworth, A Clarke, J Goodman, P Fear, M Hansbo, N Andow.
WEST HAM UNITED (from): L Miklosko, L Sealey, T Breacker, J Dicks, S Potts, M Rieper, D Williamson, I Bishop, J Moncur, A Cottee, D Hutchison, A Martin, R Slater, I Dowie, S Lazaridis.

WHEN TO WATCH ON TELEVISION

Today

10.45pm BBC 1 Match of the Day highlights

Tomorrow

2.15 Ceefax Sky Sports Grand Slam

Live Sky Sports Southampton v Middlesbrough

Monday

Live Sky Sports Wimbledon v West Ham

Croatia and Germany set example with skill and entertainment

Travel riches show up English poverty



ROB HUGHES
Weekend View

BY GIVING a wide berth to Oslo — where sterility was passed off as virtue, boredom as art — a traveller could educate and enrich his football knowledge around Europe last week.

My journey began in Croatia, at the foot of a mountain on the Adriatic coast where, last Saturday, young players exhibited the skills of creating from defensive positions. Here, Ante Buselic, an old white-haired trainer, who has coached for 40 years from Yugoslavia to the emerging African and Arabic worlds, spoke of his job.

"My friend," the professor said, "in Africa, you build houses out of mud and grass. Here, we are rich in stones. In the forest, you would build out of wood. So, you create from what you have . . . this I call a coach."

The next day, in Split, Croatia and Italy created the 1-1 draw from their different heritages. More important, there was an outpouring of nationalism, a match bravely shaped by Zvonimir Boban from central midfield. He looked inspired, and he was playing a role foreign to that that AC Milan, his club, insists on.

A captain in every sense of the word, though, he simply would not allow effort to flag while 40,000 people were roaring his team on, people who know that sport can never be a substitute for war, but can be a mighty release.

Then, in Cardiff on Wednesday, there was another contest stirring in its athleticism, effort ranged against the creative mind. The Welsh, so depleted and so brave, were made to run three metres to every one by the Germans. Although Germany acknowledged that Ryan Giggs, the proof that these islands can still produce the odd thoroughbred, was a player they would covet, he was not the catalyst to victory. He could not be.

Germany has, from the former East Germany, a performer who can turn swiftly from sweeper to playmaker with great aplomb. Matthias Sammer is the proof, in his long and elegant stride, that a team that wants to create anything has also to play with risk. The great sides in history, the Brazilians, the Hungarians and others, have always demonstrated that without risk, there is — again that word — sterility.

There has been plenty of recent evidence of this. Sammer had bemused Rangers a couple of weeks earlier. Viktor Onopko, the captain of Russia, playing similarly with freedom from defence, had destroyed Blackburn Rovers. While Onopko was creating Russia's first goal and scoring the second against Greece on Wednesday, Sammer was the difference between Germany and Wales.

> 'Wales were made to run three metres to one by the Germans'

Of course, there has to be order. Germany have their workers, Steffen Freund and Dieter Eilts, but, apart from Sammer, Thomas Hässler has the freedom of the field. Yet, ten years ago, Berti Vogts, Germany's trainer, was disparaged as "the insurance man" because of the bland work ethic of his team.

The conversion that has overtaken Vogts, the need to win competitive matches rather than draw friendly ones, might one day happen for Terry Venables.

So to Thursday, to dinner with Dr Mong Joon Chung. He, a leading South Korean industrialist, a politician who has held the post of Minister of Defence, is relatively new to the game and its passion. Now a Fifa vice-president, seconded from his business to trying to persuade the world to grant his country the 2002 World Cup, Chung observed: "You know, this is such a contagious, such an important game. I never realised its influence and its potential wealth could be so big." Bigger even than his own company, Hyundai.

From the politician, to the kindergarten. Last night, Gary Lineker presented on BBC2 a 45-minute programme that should be compulsory viewing for anyone in England with a care for the game.

Dreaming of Ajax was a thorough investigation of the way that Europe's most impressive club rears its teams from children in Amsterdam. The education, from seven upwards, involves a strategy known as TIPS — technique, intelligence, personality, speed.

Note the order. Speed all too often runs away with the priorities in England. Lineker's film showed boys learning with small foam balls, to stimulate feeling in the feet.

They take dance classes to induce rhythm, balance and movement off either foot. They are quite ruthlessly pruned from the training system if they either err in the classroom or on the training fields.

Among the witnesses to the foreign enlightenment were Venables, Kevin Keegan and Trevor Brooking, who concludes with the warning: "If we don't put the grass roots in junior soccer right, into the next century, all our home countries will be struggling to qualify for the major tournaments."

The struggle began some time ago and, perhaps, travel now broadens the British perspective on the game that Great Britain exported.



Sammer, whose sense of adventure is making Germany attractive to watch

SPORT IN BRIEF

Willison carries off record in Portugal

RICKY WILLISON, the former English Amateur golf champion, broke the course record at Quinta do Peru, near Lisbon, with a second round 64, eight under par, to take a one-stroke lead in the UAP Grand Finale tournament. Willison, 36, who turned professional four years ago, carried his own clubs while recording nine birdies to go to the top of the field with a total of 137 after two rounds.

The tournament is the final PGA European Challenge Tour event of 1995, and more important to the slightly-built Londoner than the £10,000 first prize is the chance to regain his player's card for the main European Tour next season. The top ten earn places, and Willison is ninth after moving up from 36th by winning the Tunisian Open last week.

"I'm trying not to think about what might or might not happen to me here this weekend," Willison, a former Walker Cup player, said. "I think I am just lucky to have a job like this when a lot of my friends back at home are out of work."

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Wood's home draw

TENNIS: Clare Wood, the British No 1, has been granted a wild-card entry to the Brighton International tournament that starts on Tuesday, along with Mary Joe Fernandez, of the United States, the world No 12. Wood lives in Brighton and was a quarter-finalist two years ago.

☐ Colin Beecher lost to Robbie Koenig, of South Africa, in the final at the LTA autumn satellite tournament in Birmingham when he was beaten 4-6, 7-6, 6-4, but the Kent-based player's performance this week was still good enough to give him the overall circuit title.

Davies hits putting hitch



GOLF: Laura Davies, right, finished the second round of the world championship of women's golf at Cheju, South Korea, in a tie for the lead with Betsy King and Pat Bradley, of United States pair, after a disappointing 71. "It was a bad score because I played better than that," Davies said after losing her clear lead with a bogey on the 18th. "Putting was a problem. I just couldn't get it to the hole."

Nicholas misses out

GOLF: Alison Nicholas was within inches of collecting a £24,000 car for a hole in one on her way to a round of 71, two under par, on the opening day of the Nestlé French Open at St Endreol yesterday. Her six-iron tee shot at the short 13th pulled up just six inches from the hole. Nicholas, of Great Britain, who has won twice on the LPGA Tour in America this year, finished the day in joint-second place, just one stroke behind Lotta Sorenstam, of Sweden, who made three birdies in her closing five holes.

Ivanisevic fails

TENNIS: Goran Ivanisevic, the defending champion, went out in the quarter-finals of the Seiko tournament in Tokyo yesterday, losing 7-6, 7-6 to Hendrik Dreekmann, of Germany. Ivanisevic, the No 2 seed from Croatia, appeared to be still suffering from the effects of a recent bout of fever in succumbing to an opponent ranked 107 places beneath him at 114. Michael Chang, of the United States, the beaten finalist in 1994, reached the semi-finals with a 6-2, 6-0 victory over Alexander Volkov, of Russia.

Swedes' summer bid

OLYMPIC GAMES: After Sweden's nine unsuccessful attempts to secure the Winter Olympics, Stockholm, the capital, will try for the summer Games of 2004, officials said yesterday. Stockholm last hosted the summer Games in 1912, and also served as the equestrian venue for the 1956 Games that were staged in Melbourne, Australia. Stockholm proposes a budget of 12 billion kronor (about £1 billion). The biggest cost will involve construction of a new 80,000-seat Olympic stadium.

Millichip gives Venables vote of confidence



Venables: more talks

THE future of Terry Venables as England coach should be secured by Christmas. He has convinced Sir Bert Millichip, the chairman of the Football Association, that he is the man to take England to the 1998 World Cup finals.

However, Venables faces more talks with Graham Kelly, the chief executive of the FA, before an extension to his contract is settled. Neither side is in a hurry to do that with both still digesting the comments of a hostile press after the 0-0 draw in Norway.

They are unlikely to discuss the situation again until after the game against Switzerland at Wembley next month, when a more impressive performance should enable Venables to go into the new year, and the last five months of the build-up to the European championship with a new, enhanced contract.

Millichip, who will retire after the European championship finals, still has the decisive say in who will shape the national side through the World Cup qualifying campaign, that starts in September 1996. He has given Venables, a man whose appointment he originally resisted, a vote of confidence. "I want him to stay until after the 1998 World Cup," Millichip said. "That is our intention. We want him to be successful." However, Kelly, in an FA statement, said: "Terry Venables has not been offered a new contract at this moment, but discussions will take place in the near future."

Fifa has extended the entry deadline for the 1998 World Cup, for which there has already been a record entry of 169. The world governing body said yesterday that late entries would be considered, especially from Africa, where poor communications may have delayed postal or fax submissions. The draw for the preliminary round will be made in Paris on December 12, with 32 teams qualifying for the finals, eight more than for the 1994 finals in the United States.

Blackburn Rovers yesterday completed the signings of Billy McKinlay, from Dundee United, and Lars Bohinen, from Nottingham Forest, for £1.75 million and £750,000 respectively. Both are included in the champions' squad for the FA Carling Premiership match at home to Southampton today.

Derby County are set to recoup a third of their £1.5 million outlay on Igor Stimac by selling John Harkes. Harkes, 28, old will return home at the end of the season after the first division club agreed a £500,000 deal with the United States Soccer Federation. Harkes cost Derby £800,000 from Sheffield Wednesday two years ago.

Doctor's arresting development



SIMON BARNES
On Saturday

"DEAR Simon," I read as I scrabble through my post on return from a trip, "knowing how you like to be kept abreast of the latest sports medical research, I thought you might be interested to hear about my recent work on sports bras."

This riveting first paragraph was from Dr Colin Crosby, of the Garden Hospital, Hendon. Realising that I cannot possibly top this, I shall do no more than continue to quote from the good doctor's letter:

"In order to test the efficiency or otherwise of the products available, we have been studying the breast movement of a series of volunteers with varying bust sizes — whilst running on a treadmill, initially topless and then with various sports bras. Reflectors are placed at strategic points on the torso and the process is videotaped and computer analysed to find the most effective method of support.

"The work is still in progress, and we are getting some good results, but I have a problem about terminology. NEF (Nipple Excursion Factor) has been suggested, but is a little impersonal; BMA and BMJ (Breast Movement — Aerobic/-Jogging) are more appropriate, but I think they have already been taken.

"I would emphasise that this is quite serious work in that it should encourage women to exercise comfortably and not be put off by unnecessary and painful breast movement."

New strip shock

Here is a story about which we can be prurient with a perfectly clean conscience. An Italian football team has just changed its name to Team Punto Rosso Sexy Shop. The reason is a sponsorship deal with . . . well, a sex shop, obviously enough. The team, from Mestre, across the lagoon from Venice, played their first game for their new sponsor on Monday after posing with a porn actress. "I've got lots of ideas for the future," the owner of the shop said. "We hope to have pom-pom girls on the touchline cheering the boys on."

La-la Cantona

A treat for true music-lovers: the return of Eric Cantona, that master of the martial and poetic arts, is celebrated by the release of a CD/cassette containing 13 songs about the great philosophaster. Tracks include *Ooh-Ah, Eric Cantona; Have You Heard About Eric?; Eric the King; Be Like Eric — Do The Frog; Eric, Please Don't Go; Cantona Superstar; Monsieur Genius; Eric Cantona — What A Bloody Star; The Grand Old King Eric;* and *The Twelve Days of King Eric.* From: Exotica Records, 49 Belvoir Road, London, SE22 0QY.

Grounds for sale

Perhaps the ultimate purchase for the man who already has every anorak that he could possibly desire: yes, a model of your team's home ground for only £44.99. You can buy Highbury, Anfield, Elwood Park (as if it were not bad enough actually going there), Goodison Park, Upton Park and Elland Road; more are promised. From: European Stadia, 1 Marvin Street, Liverpool, L6 1NF.

Achilles' deal

Yet more product news. A crazy jogger (tautology), inevitably American, discovered, at the age of 65, that his jogging days were done. Yes, Alvaro Galleges was forced to yield to anno domini, ankle and heel injuries. It hurt too much, but now he is running three or four times a day. He has invented a shoe with wings. When he runs, his feet do not touch the ground. The idea is pure comic book: he runs on coiled springs, 1½in long, incorporated into his shoes. Off he boings: and now he plans to market them. He aims to sell 30,000 pairs in the first year. True, they weigh rather a lot. "They'll be the Model T Ford of running shoes," Galleges claimed.



Secure future

Athletes? Overpaid? Surely not. Though Hristo Stoichkov, the Bulgaria footballer, is to open a bank. He has joined forces with Emil Kharsev, a former deputy managing director of the Bulgarian state bank, to form a new bank called the National.

Day of two halves

Romario, the Brazil footballer, is a hero. Last week, he saved a girl from drowning. Tercia Figuereido, 19, had been carried away on a windsurfer after the mast had broken, drifting helpless for three-quarters of an hour. Passing in a motor-boat, Romario plunged into strong currents to save her. "Romario!" she said. "Nobody will believe my story!" The same day, Flamengo, Romario's team, lost 3-1 to Botafogo. What is the Portuguese for "funny old game?"

Tougher times

Footballers involved in bribery and match-fixing in Malaysia were sentenced to a spot of exile last April. Fifty players were restricted to virtual house arrest in remote villages for indefinite periods, but now, news has leaked out that some of the banished players have not been having too bad a time of it. They have been seen in local restaurants and cinemas. A re-think has been implemented: the players are to be sent to even more remote and desolate villages. Blackburn awaits their arrival hourly. I am sorry, I really did not mean to say that . . .

Initiative in schools to revive football

BY PETER BALL

THE performance of England's footballers in Norway, like many an England performance before it, has provoked spirited debate and some soul-searching about the state of the game. This time, it has also provoked a move to solve the problems where they begin.

Yesterday, Kevin Keegan and Trevor Brooking joined forces with Bryan Hamilton, the Northern Ireland manager, Bryan Flynn and Gordon Strachan, under the auspices of Adidas, to promote the British Schools Football Foundation, in an attempt to revamp the way that football is taught in schools. "It is time to step in and kick off a far-reaching total football revolution in schools," Bob McCulloch, the managing director of Adidas (UK), said yesterday.

Graham Morgan, of the Association of Football Coaches and Trainers, and an Adidas employee, added: "The problems with the English game are at grass-roots level, but the consequence of that is that the solution has to be found in the grass roots, too." Morgan speaks with authority, having started the first — very successful — football development scheme at Bradford 15 years ago. His aim now is to do for British football what he did for the game in Bradford.

"We want to get the kids playing little games and getting lots of touches," Morgan said, "because, if you haven't got a first touch to die for at eight, you are always going to be awkward on the ball."

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Indomitable Langer overcomes fatigue to earn semi-final encounter with champion

Matchless Els burns up Burma Road

BY JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT

NOBODY could match Ernie Els in the Toyota World Match Play Championship last year and, if the defending champion continues in the rare vein of form that he showed yesterday, he will be hard to beat this year, too.

He swept past Lee Janzen and into the semi-finals with a display of golf that was ominous for Bernhard Langer, his opponent today, and wondrous for those who were privileged to behold it.

Els played golf that was as lethal as 100 degree proof gin, going round the formidable West Course, which is known as the Burma Road for its length and severity, in 64 in the morning and lifting his foot only slightly from the throttle in the afternoon.

He played as if his eye was in, which in itself was a surprise because, by rights, it should have been anything but. He has competed in just one tournament in the past five weeks.

Whereas Colin Montgomerie plays well when he plays a lot, Els seems to be of another persuasion. In April, he missed the cut in the Masters, took time off and then won the Byron Nelson Classic. Now, after rest and recuperation at his holiday home in George, a seaside resort to the east of Cape Town, and twice-weekly social games with friends at Fancourt Golf Club, his rhythm was at its drowsy best. That meant that he was at his most powerful.

Perhaps the benevolent weather brought out the best in Els, who said that it was warmer in Surrey in the autumn than at home in George in the spring. As he swung on the 6th tee, it was a pleasure to watch from a position 250 yards up the fairway, looking back down the chute of trees. From that distance, his swing appeared so slow and rhythmical, that it appeared his clubhead might never come down on the ball.

Against the golf that Els produced, which included 12 birdies in 33 holes, Janzen was rendered as helpless as a man trying to mop up an overflowing bath with one cloth. "He is one great player, especially when he is driving it like he was today," Janzen said generously. "When he is putting like he was today, he can beat anybody any time. There wasn't much I could do against such great golf. I just kept thinking, 'don't press, just try and hit a good shot and win a hole whenever you can.' But every time I thought I would have a chance to get some momentum, he would do something."

This was best demonstrated on the 31st, where Janzen, who had just holed a good putt to get back to four down, was nearer the hole and thinking of a birdie. Instead, Els ran in a monstrous putt, from more than 50 feet, and with it he went five up for the sixth time.

Langer, Els's opponent today, is protesting that it is a long time since he last played as much golf as he has these past few weeks. "I am very tired," he said after defeating Nick Price on the 36th green. "In fact, I am exhausted."

He did not look it as he slowly and purposefully clawed his way past Price, who led by two holes after the 7th and 13th. They lunched all square and then Langer's indomitability became evident and his play improved. Like Els, Price plays well after a lay-off, but, unlike Els, Price did not play well enough to win this time.

At a time when poetry is in the minds of so many, it would take a Seamus Heaney to do justice to the scene yesterday. As Montgomerie and Elkington walked down the manicured slope to their drives on the 7th, a jet rose silently above the treeline. It was the only intrusion into a pastoral tableau of rare beauty and the International Management Group, the event's organisers, ought to commission Arthur Weaver, the well-known artist, to do one painting of Wentworth and give it to the competitors as a memento.

Yet there was a hint of murder being committed elsewhere. Costantino Rocca was eight up on Ben Crenshaw with 16 holes remaining and a kindly boxing referee would have wanted to step in and end it there. Crenshaw had arrived late in this country after a sudden visit to his doctor and he was playing as if his mind was elsewhere.

"Costantino is a fine golfer," Crenshaw said after his spirited recovery was eventually suppressed, 3 and 2. "He hits his irons beautifully, he has a firm base and he is a good putter. It will be a good match between he and Steve [Elkington]."

For the first time since 1985, there is no Briton in the semi-finals. Els looks menacing after a tip from Price to alter the position of the ball at the address and to shorten his backswing very slightly. "He has got so much in reserve that people are going to have a tough time beating him," Price said.

"We might find we have a new matchplay king of the world out here with Ernie."

DETAILS

RESULTS

Quarter-finals
E Els (SA) bt L Janzen (US) 4 and 3
B Langer (Ger) bt N Price (Zim) 1 hole
S Elkington (Aus) bt C Montgomerie (GB) 2 and 1.
C Rocca (It) bt B Crenshaw (US) 3 and 2.

TODAY

Semi-finals
0830: Els v Langer
0845: Elkington v Rocca



Langer puts everything into a drive during his last-hole victory over Price at Wentworth yesterday. Els awaits him in the semi-finals today. Photograph: Ian Stewart

Elkington breathes easily in beating Montgomerie

BY ANDREW LONGMORE

IT WAS a perfect day for Steve Elkington at Wentworth yesterday. Clear blue sky, late summer temperatures, a course made for his uncomplicated style of play and a hard-fought 2 and 1 victory over Colin Montgomerie, that hung in the balance until late afternoon. Above all, for a man whose career has been hampered from its earliest stages by, of all things for a golfer, an allergy to grass, the pollen count was low. Almost as low as his scoring.

At some times of the year, the Australian runs his life by the pollen count, particularly when Augusta is in full bloom for the Masters and Elkington has to pump himself full of anti-histamine to ward off the sneezing fits, sore eyes and bronchial infection that herald an attack. Several times, he has had to withdraw from tournaments before the start: once, in the middle of an event in Phoenix. "I just couldn't go outside," he said.

A recent operation on a bone spur in his nose has eased, but not eradicated, the problem. "It's like having a four-lane rather than a single lane highway in my nose," Elkington said, "but I still get attacks and I still have to take allergy shots twice a week. Autumn is the best time of the year for me." Even so, nasal spray is an essential part of Elkington's golfing baggage.

Montgomerie is developing an allergy as well. To Elkington, who pipped him to the US PGA title in a play-off at the Riviera Club in Los Angeles earlier in the year and who proved just too good for him again yesterday. The Australian's all-round solidity, allied to the odd moment of brilliance — a chip in from 30 feet at the 31st effectively ended the Scot's desperate resistance — brought out an attack of the grumps. Sometimes, when he roars at himself, the ball, the crowd, anyone within sight, you wonder if Montgomerie believes that the ball will one day fall into the hole through sheer fright. Sometimes, it seems as if that is his only chance of holing anything.

Time and again yesterday, Montgomerie plodded hither and thither over the green, surveying a putt like he was trying to postpone the moment he had to hit it, only to see the ball slip by. Invariably, he then put his hand on his hips in disgust, collected the ball, tried the same putt again when everyone had moved off and holed it. He is, for sure, the only golfer whose shoulders slump in anticipation of, rather than as a response to, missing ... and if Montgomerie could conquer his aversion to the greens ...?

Anyone looking at the solitary, silent, attitudes of the two players through their 35 holes yesterday would have been forgiven for thinking that there was something personal between them. There is, but it has nothing to do with the 30-foot putt that gave the Australian his first major victory, at the US PGA, and Montgomerie his second major play-off defeat. After that narrow win, Elkington sent the Scot a fax, saying that it was just a matter of time before victory in a major would come his way, too. Elkington was not sure how his message would be received, but thought, in that wonderfully flamboyant Australian way, that he would send it anyway. Montgomerie was actually cheered and touched by the sentiments.

There was barely a word exchanged yesterday, though, as both players sensed that this was going to be a battle to the line. The pair conjured 17 birdies and an eagle from the West Course, their struggles as well as the combined excellence encapsulated by the 10th in the afternoon, when Elkington's six-iron to six inches was matched by Montgomerie's seven-iron to three feet. "I thought then this is going right down to the end," Elkington said.

That it finished a hole early was because of Elkington's delightful chip at the 13th that put him two up and, when both had splashed out of the greenside bunker two holes later, to his rock solid putt and Montgomerie's miss from five feet. Three down with three to play was too much even for a fighter of Montgomerie's calibre. It did not help his equilibrium that they were stuck in the slow lane behind Bernhard Langer for most of the afternoon. While Montgomerie raced about waiting to hit, Elkington enjoyed the sunshine and, for once, the fresh air.

"Everything I did, he did that bit extra," Montgomerie said. "I just ran into the wrong man at the wrong time."



Elkington drives at the 2nd during his victory yesterday

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England unleash Offiah

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

WINS are foregone conclusions for England and Australia today, but the impetus of the two favourites in the rugby league World Cup still needs to be maintained in blowing away the cannon fodder of South Africa and Fiji, respectively.

In unleashing England's greyhound from the slips, Martin Offiah is expected to outpace the South African hares. The Rhinos, as their nickname suggests, are about head down and bore, rather than speed. After the thigh strain that kept his main strike weapon out of the first two matches in group one, Phil Larder, the England coach, said: "Now he's 100 per cent fit, we'd hope to give Martin a lot of running chances."

Most cherished of Offiah's many try records is the one he set when scoring five against France for Great Britain, at Headingley in 1991. "Obviously, I like getting as many as possible, but it's about putting on a strong performance," he said. "No one is guaranteed a place."

South Africa, who have conceded 26 tries to Australia and Fiji, really should have been spared these humiliations and an inevitible third at Headingley tonight. The emerging nations' tournament next week is about their level.

England, in a highly disciplined atmosphere, are in no mood to let the momentum, created by the defeats of Australia and Fiji, fall away. "Come Monday, we want to be as confident as we are at this moment, and that confidence not only comes from winning, but producing good performances," Larder said.

The intensity that he seeks must come from within, as South Africa are patently no match. England v Carlisle is about the size of the task, which leaves the goal of Shaun Edwards, the England captain, to set records and prevent South Africa from scoring. They managed briefly to interrupt the rip tide of Australia's 86-6 international match world record score against them last Tuesday. England's highly beatable best was 60-13, against Wales in 1978.

Paul Cook, 19, the Leeds full back, who will kick the goals on his full international debut on his home patch, is one of several changes as Robinson, Newlove, Betts, Jackson and Farrell, who played in both previous matches, are rested. Mick Cassidy's formidable versatility will be employed for the first time at hooker, with Bobbie Goulding on the substitutes' bench to be tried out in the same unfamiliar position, or to rotate with Edwards at scrum half.

There are opportunities, Larder said, for those in the 17 tonight to play their way into the semi-final at Old Trafford next Saturday, but, although he could be swayed here and there, because of the lack of resistence expected from South Africa, he is unlikely to be shifted far in his thinking.

It is a formality, but Australia still have to qualify at Huddersfield for the last four at the expense of Fiji, who are awaiting fitness tests on two backs — Waisale Sovatabua and Noa Nayacakalou — and on Samuela Marayawa, the forward. Gary Larson, Paul Harragon's replacement, moves into the second row for the final group game.

TEAMS

ENGLAND (v South Africa at Headingley tonight): P Cook (Leeds); J Bentley (Halifax), N Pinkney (Keighley), B-J Mather (Wigan), M Offiah (Wigan); D Powell (Keighley), S Edwards (Wigan), K Harrison (Halifax), M Cassidy (Wigan); A Platt (Auckland); S Haughton (Wigan), C Joynt (St Helens), P Clarke (Sydney City). Substitutes: B Goulding (St Helens), A Smith (Castleford), P Broadbent (Sheffield), D Sampson (Castleford).

SOUTH AFRICA: A van Wyk, A Coombe, T Fourie, W Boshoff, A Balot, M Johnson, B Alkema, G Watts, C van Deventer, J Boovsen, J Alberts, G Williams, J Muckeway. Substitutes: E Lubbe, N Serfontein, J van Niekerk, J Visser.

AUSTRALIA (v Fiji at Huddersfield today): T Bracher; R O'Davis, T Hill, M Coyne, B Dasso, B Fittler, G Toovey; M Carroll, A Johns, D Pay, G Larson, S Menzies. J Dymock. Substitutes: J Smith, M Johns, P McGregor, N Kosef.

Ireland opt for Kidd as coach

BY DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE Irish Rugby Football Union, foiled in its attempt to employ Bob Dwyer, an Australian, as the new national coach, has appointed instead Murray Kidd, a New Zealander, to the post. He becomes the first overseas coach to be appointed by Ireland and the union's first paid employee.

Negotiations with Dwyer, the former Australia coach, could not be completed before he left for Argentina on Wednesday. The Ireland selectors were keen to end the uncertainty surrounding the appointment and so opted for Kidd, 41, who takes over immediately from Gerry Murphy.

Kidd knows the Irish club scene well. A centre or wing with Taranaki, Manawatu and King Country in New Zealand, he then spent three years coaching Garryowen, the Irish League runners-up in 1991, champions in 1992 and Munster Senior Cup-winners in 1993. He also coached Sunday's Well to the second-division title.

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Hoddle adds to his European expertise

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

GLENN HODDLE, the Chelsea manager, finally succeeded in broadening his side's European perspective yesterday when he signed Dan Petrescu, the Romania international footballer, from Sheffield Wednesday for £2.3 million.

After his summer foray into the global transfer market to secure the services of Ruud Gullit, the highly-influential former Holland international, from Sampdoria, Hoddle only had to travel up the M1 to add the versatility of Petrescu to his progressive-minded side.

Although deployed largely defensively in his 40 appearances for Wednesday, he is at his best when pushing forward, as evidenced by his eye-catching performances in the 1994 World Cup.

Hoddle, forced to pay £1 million more than it cost Trevor Francis to lure Petrescu, 27, from Genoa last summer, had been tracking the player since the summer; and the manager's patience will have to extend for at least two more weeks until the Department of Employment grants a new work permit.

David Pleat, Francis's successor at Hillsborough, was unperturbed at the loss of a player who upset him by making it clear, through an agent, that he wanted to move.

"Chelsea have got their man and we have got our price," Pleat said. "We feel we can cope with the loss of Dan. Chelsea have been pursuing him since the summer and although everything was above board, it created an unhealthy situation. His agent was looking to change a contract that was only 15 or 16 months old. Dan is a smooth, attractive player and good luck to him. From my point of view, the deal has put money in my pot."



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WEEKEND

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NEXT WEEK SHE WILL BE THE WORLD'S OLDEST PERSON EVER





Though her heart has beaten more than four and a quarter billion times, the world's oldest human has not run out of puff. Still wearing a little rouge, Madame Jeanne Calment *officially* gave up smoking aged 117, but resumed with a quiet puff on her 118th birthday.

On Tuesday, allowing for 29 leap days and defying all odds, she will become the human with the longest proven life of anyone in history: 120 years and 238 days.

"I have an enormous will to live and a good appetite, especially for sweets," she says. Until recently, she drank one glass of port before lunch and another before dinner every evening. Her aim, though unable to see and almost deaf, is "to continue my life and for my body to hold out".

Jeanne Louise Calment was born at Arles, on the estuary of the Rhône in Provence, on February 21, 1875, the same year as Ravel, who died at the respectable age of 62 in 1937, after a productive working life. But Mme Calment has lived to see the expiration of Ravel's copyright 50 years later in 1987, when she turned 112.

After a long engagement, because she "wanted to live a little", she married in 1896. After 44 years, her husband died in 1940. She

By Norris McWhirter

has been a widow for 55 years. Happily, her financial circumstances were improved by a local lawyer, Andrëi-François Raffray who, when she was 90 in 1965, unwittingly entered into an annuity contract for FFr30,000, payable at FFr2,500 a month, to make him the owner of her flat when she died. So far the contract has cost him more than FFr 900,000 over 30 years, and he has paid to his indestructable client more than three times the value of her flat, instead of the fraction he had planned. No American lawyer would have been so easily caught out, because life assurance companies in the United States would have investigated Mme Calment's exceptionally high Total Immediate Ancestry Longevity, or TIAL factor. Her father lived to 94 and her mother to 86. According to the longevity expert Jean-Marc Robine, of the French National Institute for Medical Research, many of Mme Calment's remoter ancestors in the 18th and even the 17th century, lived to far greater ages than was the norm.

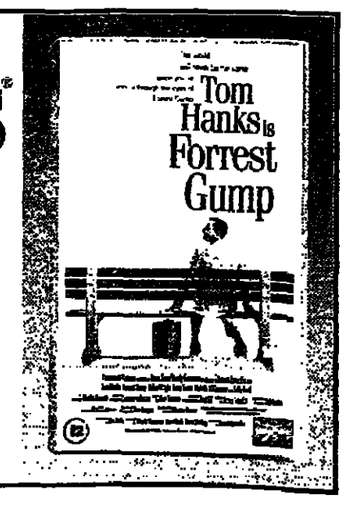
"By chance, she was endowed with an extraordinary genetic make-up," M Robine says. Despite being in a wheelchair after breaking a leg and an elbow in 1990, she has, he says, "... extraordinary resistance to sickness, stress and depression", and "... she is not a health fanatic".

Mme Calment says that she is "... interested in everything, but not really passionate about anything". A member of a long-established bourgeois family, Mme Calment has never worked, in the sense of being an economically active earner.

The Maison du Lac retirement home, where she lives, has already been renamed after her. Her doctor, Victor Lebre, has

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CHOICE

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RICHARD MILDENHALL



Claire Skinner as Laura Wingfield and Mark Dexter as The Gentleman Caller in Tennessee Williams's *The Glass Menagerie* at the Donmar. See Theatre, below.

OPERA

Rodney Milnes

GOTTERDAMMERUNG: A positive creative tension set up between Bernard Haitink's masterly, broadly drawn conducting and the imaginative anarchy of the Richard Jones/Nigel Lowery staging has been the distinguishing feature of the first three segments of the Royal Opera's new *Ring* production. Jones ignores more than a century of tradition, and goes back to the text to inspire his theatrical fancy. It is a hugely refreshing undertaking. Now the cycle is completed, and the cast headed by Deborah Polaski (who has been giving her best Brünnhilde to date under Haitink's guidance). Siegfried Jerusalem and Kurt Rydl. Absolutely unmissable.
Royal Opera House, Bow St, London WC2 (0171-304 4000), today, 4pm; Thur 19, 4.30pm. Ⓢ

IDOMENEO: The Welsh National Opera's exceptional revival of Mozart's Enlightenment opera is equally unmissable, if only for Sir Charles Mackerras's conducting and Anthony Rolfe Johnson's world-class account of the title role. There is also exceptional singing from Christine Weidinger and newcomer Toby Spence, and young Catrin Wyn-Davies is taking over as Ilia. A musical feast.
Apollo Theatre, George St, Oxford (01865-244544), Wed 18, 7.15pm. Ⓢ

THEATRE

Benedict Nightingale

VOLPONE: Matthew Warchus's fine revival of Ben Jonson's great satire on greed transports you to a Venice where sinister, hooded figures glide through shadowy, shifting passages, and the magnifico of the title lolls beneath a skeleton holding an hourglass. Some actors have brought more savagery to Volpone's commanship than Michael Gambon does here, but none has exuded such restless energy, such robust glee in making mischief. His games and tricks come across as manic attempts to defy a bleak world.
Olivier, National Theatre, South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Evenings: Wed 18 to Sat 21, 7.15pm. Matinée: Sat 21, 2pm. Continues in repertoire.

THE GLASS MENAGERIE: It is hard to understand why Sam Mendes's Donmar — that pacemaker in the decaying heart of the West End — should be imperilled when he is staging revivals as strong as this within its steel and chrome. Zoë Wanamaker brings impressive feeling and dignity to Tennessee Williams's Amanda Wingfield, a Southern matriarch fighting to keep her family afloat — and her fragile daughter sane — in the grey St Louis of the 1940s.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham Street, WC2 (0171-369 1732). Evenings: Tues to Sat, 8pm. Matinées: Thurs, Sat and Sun, 4pm.

CLASSIC

Richard Morrison

TCHAIKOVSKY IN BULK: Whether the world needs more concert cycles of Tchaikovsky symphonies is questionable. But if it does, there cannot be an orchestra better qualified to serve them up than the magnificent St Petersburg Philharmonic, whose members probably learnt to play this music before they could walk. Their conductor, Yuri Temirkanov, is no stranger to musical exaggeration, but he can produce thrilling results. The cycle, already heard in Glasgow, now comes to London.
Barbican Hall, Silk Street, London EC2 (0171-638 8891), No 1 and No 4 Sun, 4pm; No 2 and No 5 Tues, 7.30pm; No 3 and No 5 Wed, 7.30pm.

DAGMAR PECKOVA: "Pungent and extraordinarily pure of focus" was *The Times*'s verdict on the Czech mezzo-soprano when she sang a brief solo in a London concert two years ago. Now this striking singer — who has since gone on to take leading operatic roles in Paris, Milan and Salzburg — is given a whole recital to herself as part of the Wigmore Hall's "New Europe" series. She will perform Mahler, Janáček and Wagner, as well as contemporary Czech music: it could be an evening of high vocal excitement.
Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, London W1 (0171-935 2141), Fri, 7.30pm

DANCE

John Percival

PHOENIX DANCE COMPANY: The jazz musician, Orphy Robinson, joins Phoenix's director Margaret Morris and choreographer Gary Lambert in a new work. Also on this programme is a creation by company member Chantal Donaldson. A revival of Philip Taylor's *Haunted Passages*, set to music by Benjamin Britten, completes the bill.
Sadler's Wells Theatre, London EC1 (0171-713 6000), Tues to Thur, 3.30pm; Sat 21, 2.30pm and 7.30pm; then touring.

ALICE IN WONDERLAND: Derek Deane's first full evening creation for English National Ballet has its premiere in Southampton before a national tour. In addition to the familiar characters taken from Lewis Carroll, he promises a flying house (designs are by Sue Blane; special effects by an illusionist, Paul Kieve). Carl Davies has compiled a score from both familiar and less familiar music by Tchaikovsky. Londoners must wait until next March to see the work at the Coliseum, unless they decide to make a journey out of town.
Mayflower Theatre, Southampton (01703 711811), Thurs to Sat, 2.30pm.



Alice in Wonderland: Marta Barahona in the title role

Matinées: Thurs and Sat, 2.30pm: then at **Empire, Liverpool** (0151-709 1555), Oct 24 to 28; **Palace, Manchester** (0161-242 2503), Oct 30 to Nov 4; **Grand, Leeds** (0113-245 9351), Nov 20 and 21.

JAZZ

Clive Davis

BUDDY DEFRANCO AND KENNY BAKER: Just as Benny Goodman was the king of clarinet in the swing era, so Buddy DeFranco is regarded as the consummate technician in the bop sphere. On a rare British tour he co-leads a quintet with his comrade of many years, the vibes player Terry Gibbs.
The recent re-emergence, with new personnel, of Kenny Baker's Dozen, one of the most stylish of 1950s studio bands, was cause for unfettered rejoicing. The marriage of powerhouse arrangements and artful soloists of the calibre of Don Lusher and Alan Barnes makes each concert a celebration of charismatic swing.
***DeFranco*: Dunoon Jazz Festival**, Argyll (information 01369 705202) tonight, 8pm; **Renouf Hotel**, Rochford (01702 541334) tomorrow, from 7.30pm; **The Vortex**, Stoke Newington Church St (0171-254 6516) Mon 16, 9pm; **Bull's Head**, Barnes Bridge, London SW16 (0181-876 5241) Tue 17, 8.30pm; **Gardner Arts Centre**, Brighton (01273 685861) Wed 18, 7.45pm; **University College School**, Frognal, London NW3 (0171-435 2215) Thur 19, 7.45pm; **Pizza Express**, Dean St, London W1 (0171-439 8722) Sat 21, 9pm.
***Baker*: Ronnie Scott's**, Broad St, Birmingham (0121-43 4525) Wed 18, Thur 19, 9pm.

VIENNA ART ORCHESTRA: As it approaches its 20th anniversary, Matthias Rüegg's ensemble pays little attention to traditional categories, and unfurls its own densely textured versions of pieces by Erik Satie, Scott Joplin and Anthony Braxton. The new release, *European Songbook*, again veers towards the classics, with Rüegg's settings derived from themes by Verdi, Wagner and Schubert. After an absence of some ten years the orchestra returns to London with *Nine Immortal Non-Evergreens*, which is a tribute to Eric Dolphy.
Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (0171-960 4242), Tue 17, 8.30pm.

ROCK

David Sinclair

ALANIS MORISSETTE: Still only 21, the singer has become an overnight sensation in America where her album, *Jagged Little Pill*, is No 1 in the chart. On stage Morissette is a passionate performer with a voice the flavour of fresh



Morissette: a voice the flavour of fresh lemons

lemons, and a band whose sound alternates between folk-rock and grunge-lite. Her single, *Hand in My Pocket*, is released on Monday, and this is the moment to catch a major star in the making.
Garage, Glasgow (0141-332 1120), Oct 20; **Manchester University** (0161-275 2930), Oct 22; **Shepherds Bush Empire** (0181-740 7474), Oct 23.

MIKE SCOTT: After a decade of ups and downs with the Waterboys, the 36-year-old singer/songwriter has taken on a fresh lease of life as an unaccompanied acoustic troubadour. His solo debut, *Bring 'em All In*, will stand as one of the most commanding folk albums of the year.
Redcar Bowl (01642 479277), Oct 14; **Pavilion**, Glasgow (0141-332 1846), Oct 15; **Octagon**, Sheffield (0115 9483456), Oct 16; **Warwick University Arts Centre** (01203 524524), Oct 18; **Corn Exchange**, Cambridge (01223 357851), Oct 19; **Leicester University** (0116 255 7392), Oct 20; **Free Trade Hall**, Manchester (0161-834 1712), Oct 22; **Pyramid Centre**, Portsmouth (01705 358608), Oct 23; **St Davids Hall**, Cardiff (01222 878444), Oct 24; **Birmingham Town Hall** (0121-605 6666), Oct 26; **Shepherds Bush Empire**, London W12 (0181-740 7474), Oct 28, 29.

POP

John Russell Taylor

ITALIAN MAIOLICA: One of the most colourful forms of ceramic, maiolica fitted perfectly the tastes of Victorian collectors, and has perhaps slipped from fashion since. The Fitzwilliam Museum's collection of 550 pieces, among the finest in the world, was surprisingly not begun until 1904, but the museum has made up for lost time. The exhibition shows half the collection, dealt with chronologically, and includes amazingly rich pieces of *istoriato* (story-telling) decoration from 1490-1520, as well as more commercial later works.
Fitzwilliam Museum, Trumpington Street, Cambridge (01223 3329000). Tues to Sat, 10am-5pm; Sun, 2.15-5pm. Until Jan 7.

PLEASE TOUCH THE OBJECTS: The blind have a constant, and understandable, beef with museums in that "Do Not Touch" is almost always the rule. It is not only blind visitors who would like to touch objects: many sculptors regret that conservation departments are horrified at the idea that sculptures might be touched. This show aims to correct all that, at least in a small way. Some 40 objects have been selected by the Southampton Society for the Blind from the Tudor House Museum. They include a Victorian sugar-lump crusher, a braille machine, and a variety of archaeological finds, from a mammoth's tooth to medieval pottery.
Tudor House Museum, Bugle Street, Southampton (01703 332513) Tues to Fri, 10am-12, 1pm-5pm; Sat, 10am-12, 1pm-4pm; Sun, 2pm-5pm, until the end of December.

FILM

Geoff Brown

THE NEON BIBLE (15): Any admirer of Terence Davies's films will be keen to see what this austere chronicler of his Liverpool childhood makes of someone else's youth across the Atlantic. On the surface, little has changed. There are the same careful symmetrical images, and similar plot ingredients: a violent father, nurturing women, and suffocating religion. But the emotional impact is missing. Adapting John Kennedy Toole's teenage novel about a 1940s childhood in the Bible Belt, Davies puts in a great deal of effort, yet we never share the characters' pain.
Lumiere (0171-836 0691)

THE WILD BUNCH (18): William Holden rides again, leading his outlaws in one last big theft while Robert Ryan, hired gun for the railroad company, plots to shoot them down. Sam Peckinpah's 1969 Western was once a milestone in movie violence, though the writhing, slow-motion bodies seem nursery stuff compared with today's bloodbaths.
The film's strengths are unaltered: superbly orchestrated action pieces (such as the train hijacking), and a biting portrait of ageing outlaws facing extinction.
MGM Shaftesbury Avenue (0171-836 6279); **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

ART

Richard Cork

CEZANNE: In his first full retrospective for decades, the Post-Impressionist is celebrated in Paris. His reputation, as the prophet of modern art, is awesome and almost oppressive. But the Cézanne revealed here is a more human artist, nourished by contradictions. His early romanticism, powered by violent emotions, erupts in the first room. Although he later arrived at an imperious form of classicism, the fiercest feelings never left him. The show's climax is provided by the monumental *Bathers*. Painted in 1906, the year of his death, it is astonishingly forward-looking and at the same time traditional.
Grand Palais, ave du General Eisenhower, Paris (00331 44131717) until Jan 7.

STEPHEN COX: Until now, the parkland at Kew Gardens has scarcely been used as a setting for contemporary sculpture. But the advent of Stephen Cox's carvings proves that Kew provides an ideal backdrop. All carved of granite, they nevertheless vary a great deal in impact. The influence of Indian sculpture is pronounced, and Cox has liberally splashed most blocks with oil. Its smell and staining play a sensuous part in the carvings' drama — not least in a large form resting near the Conservatory entrance like a primeval boulder, heavy with suggestions of ritualised sacrifice.
Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew (0181-332 5922).

WEST END THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London
■ House full, returns only ◪ Some seats available ☐ Seats at all prices

☐ **BLUE ON BLUE** New play by award-winning author Matthew Bentley: the traumas of war (Falklands version) and a guilty secret between a young CO and his sergeant.
Old Red Lion St John's St, EC1 (0171-837 7816) Mon-Sat, 8pm

◪ **COMMUNICATING DOORS** Alan Ayckbourn's ingenious time-travel play. Julia McKenzie flees from a vengeful enemy, via the doors of a hotel that take her forward and back a decade.
Gielgud, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5532) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm mats Wed and Sat 3pm

☐ **DEAD FUNNY** Belinda Lang, Kevin McNally and Sam Kelly in Terry Johnson's sharply funny play about comics and some of their fans.
Savoy The Strand, WC2 (0171-836 8888) Mon-Fri, 8pm Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm and Sat, 5pm Ⓢ

☐ **FUNNY MONEY** Ray Cooney as a man who picks up the wrong briefcase and finds himself richer by £735,000 in used £50 notes. The ensuing havoc involves Sylvia Syms, Henry McGee and Charlie Drake.
Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (0171-839 4401) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm. Ⓢ

◪ **GASLIGHT** As plans stand, this is the closest Keith Baxter's production will come to London. Jane Howe plays the tormented wife and Frank Finlay the detective searching for the cause.
Richmond, The Green, Richmond (0181-940 0088). Today, 2.30 and 7.45pm Ⓢ

☐ **HOBSON'S CHOICE** Leo McKern in the title role of Harold Brighouse's warm-hearted comedy. Nichola McAuliffe and Graham Turner excellent as daughter and son-in-law in Frank Hauser's acclaimed production from Chichester.
Lyric, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5045) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 3pm Ⓢ

☐ **THE HOTHOUSE** Tony Haygarth, Celia Imrie, John Shrapnel and Pinter himself in his long-buried play in which the staff of a mental hospital scheme for dominance.
Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (0171-369 1731). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm

☐ **PEER GYNT** Tremendous performance by Alex Jennings in an illuminating production by John Barton. Hordin Gwynne is mother and sweetheart.
Young Vic The Cut, SE1 (0171-928 6363). Today, 2pm and 7.15pm Ⓢ

◪ **MACBETH** Mark Pirlance's totally strange production with himself as King Tusk about weird sisters Weird.



Alan Bates in Ibsen's *The Master Builder*

everything. Jane Horrocks plays the Queen.
Greenwich, Crooms Hill, SE10 (0181-858 7755). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mat Sat, 2.30pm Ⓢ

◪ **THE MAITLANDS** Another of Sam Walters' valuable rediscoveries. Ronald Mackenzie looked set to become one of the most innovative British dramatists of the inter-war years when he was killed in 1932 at the age of 29 — this play shows a seaside family coping with poverty and awaiting the return of the prodigal son.
Orange Tree, Clarence Street, Richmond (0181-940 3633). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Oct 19, 26 and Nov 2, 2.30pm and Sat, 4pm Ⓢ

☐ **THE MASTER BUILDER** Alan Bates, Gemma Jones and new young actress to watch Victoria Hamilton, in Ibsen's male menopause drama. Peter Hall director.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (0171-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm Ⓢ

☐ **PALE HORSE** A man grieving for his dead wife, a girl that doesn't know the rules, and a note in the garden that keeps getting deeper. New play by Joe Penhall, author of last year's excellent *Some Voices*. Ian Rickson again directs.
Theatre Upstairs, Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (0171-730 1745). Now previewing, 7.45pm. Opens Oct 18, 7pm

☐ **RAT IN THE SKULL** The Royal Court Classics Season opens with Ron Hutchinson's 1984 drama. Tony Foyle's RUC detective gets Rufus Sewell, caught with explosives. Stephen Daldry directs.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 3pm. Until Nov 18 Ⓢ

☐ **SIXTH BRITISH FESTIVAL OF VISUAL THEATRE** Actors/magic, diverse body of work, British and foreign drama, cabaret, puppet theatre, by companies performing for three days at most. Throughout the month, mostly in Studios 1 and 2.
BAC Lavender Hill, Battersea, SW11 (0171-223 2223) Ⓢ

☐ **SON OF MAN** Dennis Potter's interesting version of the death of Christ, freedom-fighter Joseph Fiennes plays Jesus. Bill Bryden directs. RSC debut for each.
Pit, Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Now previewing, 7.15pm; mat today, 2pm. Opens Oct 17, 7pm Ⓢ

◪ **TAKING SIDES** Enthralling drama by Ronald Harwood, based on the investigations of conductor Furtwangler's alleged Nazi sympathies. Superb performances by Daniel Massey and Miriam Karlin.
Criterion Piccadilly Circus, W2 (0171-369 1737). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3.30pm

■ **THREE TALL WOMEN** Maggie Smith returns, this time with Sara Kestelman and Samantha Bond, in Edward Albee's fascinating play about the adoptive mother who achieved his adulthood. Anthony Page directs.
Wyndhams Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-369 1736). Tue-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm

◪ **VENICE PRESERVED** Ian McElhinney directs a strong cast in Otway's rarely seen tragedy of love and treachery, set in 17th-century Venice.
Almeida Almeida Street, N1 (0171-359 4404). Now previewing, 8pm. Opens Oct 18, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 8pm; mat Sat, 4pm Ⓢ

☐ **THE WAY OF THE WORLD** Roger Allam and Fiona Shaw play Mirabell and Millamant, with Geraldine McEwan as Lady Wishfort. Phyllida Lloyd directs Congreve's most famous comedy of love, frustrated and fulfilled.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Now previewing, 7.30pm. Opens Oct 19, 7pm; in rep Ⓢ

☐ **WHAT A SHOW!** Musical spectacular revolving around Tommy Steele, who sings, dances, sighs and remembers the old days.
Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 (0171-8337 9987). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed, 3pm and Sat, 5pm

LONG RUNNERS

◪ **Blood Brothers** Phoenix (0171-867 1044); ☐ **Dead Guilty** Apollo (0171-494 5070); ◪ **Dealer's Choice** Vaudeville (0171-836 9987); ◪ **Five Guys Named Moe** Albery (0171-369 1730); ■ **Grease** Dominion (0171-416 6060); ◪ **The Importance of Being Earnest** Globe (0171-930 7616); ◪ **Indian Ink** Aldwych (0171-416 6003); ■ **Les Misérables** Palace (0171-434 0909); ■ **Oliver!** Palladium (0171-494 5020); ■ **Starlight Express** Apollo Victoria (0171-222 8665); ◪ **The Woman in Black** Fortune (0171-836 2238)

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NEW RELEASES

THE NEON BIBLE (15). See Critics' Choice, above

NIGHTWATCH (18) Morgue nightwatchman gets the jitters. Danish thriller with a few classy trimmings. Director, Ole Bornedal.
Metro (0171-437 0757) **MGM Piccadilly** (0171-437 3561)

SPECIES (18) Mutant heroine causes havoc in LA. Nasty, fast-footed creature feature, with Natasha Henstridge and Ben Kingsley. Director, Roger Donaldson.
Empire (0171-437 1234) **MGMs: Baker Street** (0171-352 5096); **Trocadero** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031); **Plaza** (0171-437 1234) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332)

THE WILD BUNCH (18) See Critics' Choice, above.

CURRENT

◆ **APOLLO 13** (PG) The near-fatal moon mission of 1970. Splendid images, but conventional drama. With Tom Hanks, Kevin Bacon and Ed Harris, director Ron Howard.
Barbican Ⓢ (0171-638 8891); **Empire** Ⓢ (0990 888900) **MGMs: Baker Street** (0171-935 9772); **Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636); **Trocadero** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031); **Notting Hill Coronet** Ⓢ (0171-727 6705); **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666); **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914 096); **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332)

◆ **ASSASSINS** (15): Cat and mouse games between two contract killers. Reasonable action thriller, with Sylvester Stallone, Antonio Banderas and Julianna Moore.
MGMs: Fulham Road (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031) **Odeon Marble Arch** (01426 914501) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

THE BIG SLEEP (PG): Classic 1940s thriller with Humphrey Bogart as Philip Marlowe and a famously impenetrable plot. With Lauren Bacall.
Curzon Phoenix (0171-369 1721)

BLUE JUICE (15) Breezy British romp with eccentric touches set among the Cornish surfing community. With Sean Pertwee, Catherine Zeta Jones.
Odeon Mezzanine Ⓢ (01426 915683)

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

◆ **BRAVEHEART** (15) Overly bloodthirsty epic, with Mel Gibson as the 13th century Scottish rebel William Wallace. Gibson also directs.
MGM Chelsea (0171-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Mezzanine** Ⓢ (01426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **Plaza** Ⓢ (0171-437 1234)

◆ **THE BRIDGES OF MADISON COUNTY** (12): Best-selling romantic hash given the kid-glove treatment by director Clint Eastwood, who co-stars with Meryl Streep.
MGMs: Fulham Road (0171-370 2636) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

CARRINGTON (18). Stumbling account of an odd Bloomsbury romance, dominated by Jonathan Pryce's Lytton Strachey. With Emma Thompson as the painter Dora Carrington.
Curzon Mayfair (0171-369 1720) **Gate** Ⓢ (0171-727 4043) **MGM Fulham Road** Ⓢ (0171-370 2636) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Screen/Hill** Ⓢ (0171-435 3366)

THE CITY OF LOST CHILDREN (15). Indigestible fantasy from Jeunet and Caro, the *Delicatessen* duo; crammed with digital effects, low on tension. With Ron Perlman and Daniel Emilfork.
MGMs: Swiss Centre (0171-439 4470) **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

DOLORES CLAIBORNE (18) Powerful Stephen King adaptation, with Kathy Bates as the wife and mother twice accused of murder. With Jennifer Jason Leigh. Director, Taylor Hackford.
Warner Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

DON JUAN DEMARCO (15). Refreshing and quirky romantic fantasy about a man who thinks himself to be Don Juan. With Johnny Depp, Marlon Brando and Faye Dunaway.
MGM Panton Street (0171-930 0631)

MY FAMILY (14): Handsome but shallow saga of a Mexican family in Los Angeles, with Jimmy Smits and Esai Morales. Director, Gregory Nava.
Plaza (0171-437 1234) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **FORGET PARIS** (12): Bumpy romantic comedy with Billy Crystal and Debra Winger.



Pocahontas serves up a slice of American history

MGM Chelsea (0171-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **West End** (01426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332)

◆ **FREE WILLY 2 (U)**: Teenagers save whales from an oil spill. Satisfying, politically correct family film.
MGM Trocadero Ⓢ (0171-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

FUNNY BONES (15): Comedy and tears with a showbusiness family. Over-ambitious film from Peter Chelsom, with as-you-grabbing turn from Lee Evans. With Oliver Platt, Jerry Lewis and Leslie Caron.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **Odeon Haymarket** (01426 915353) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

LAND AND FREEDOM (15): Ken Loach's powerful Spanish Civil War drama, with Ian Hart and Rosana Pastor.
Chelsea (0171-351 3742) **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **Curzon West End** (0171-369 1722) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402) **Richmond** (0181-332 0030) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Screen/Green** (0171-226 3520)

◆ **THE NET** (12): New technology, but enjoyable old thrills, with Sandra Bullock as a computer expert in peril.
MGM Chelsea (0171-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **West End** (01426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332)

◆ **POCAHONTAS (U)**: Strangely dull slice of American history: a backhanded slap for Disney cartoons after *Aladdin* and *The Lion King*. With the voices of Mel Gibson and Irene Bedard.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **MGM Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Leicester Square** (01426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **Screen/Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332)

◆ **THE USUAL SUSPECTS** (18): Complex, riveting thriller about the wages of crime: a strong cast includes Stephen Baldwin and Gabriel Byrne.
Gate Ⓢ (0171-727 4043) **Metro, Fulham Road** Ⓢ (0171-370 2636) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Shaftesbury Avenue** (0171-836 6279) **Screen/Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

THE YOUNG POISONER'S HANDBOOK (18): Assured but nasty black comedy about a schoolboy poisoner from the London suburbs. A first feature by Benjamin Ross.
MGM Tottenham Ct Rd (0171-636 6148) **Phoenix** (0181-883 2288) **Ritz** (0171-254 6677)

Asked how she viewed the future, Madame Calment, aged 120, replied: 'Very short'



SYGMA

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become a celebrity. The Health Minister, Philippe Douste-Blazy, has beaten a path to her door and now receives a monthly bulletin on the state of health of his national asset.

Gerontologists have long been uneasy that the world's only other proven 120-year-old, Shigechiyo Izumi (1865-1986) of Japan, was a man. Any supreme champion of this most competitive of all records — staying alive — should by rights have been female. In Britain, for example, there are about 270 male centenarians to about 2,100 females.

Izumi-san lived his entire life on the remote Japanese island of Tokuno-shima, through 12 national censuses, to an age of 120 years and 237 days. He was the last survivor of the pre-Meiji era. He died at 12.15pm GMT on, curiously, February 21, 1986 — Mme Calment's 111th birthday.

As with Mme Calment's smoking and port-drinking, so Izumi-san had irritated the medical profession. He took up smoking at 70, in 1935, and later developed a taste for a firewater distilled from sugar known as *sho-chu*. When aged only 116, he poured out an egg cup of the "deadly" spirit for me with a rock-steady hand. He had a cataract in one eye but with his good eye was able to detect that, with taste buds burning, I flinched. To the annoyance of his great niece, he leant forward and downed my ration in one gulp. Asked the inevitable question, to what did he attribute his long life, he gave a reply that covered the waterfront: "God, Buddha and the sun." He was dismissive about the only two females on the island who had made the 100 mark, saying: "They didn't even get to 101."

His wife died aged at what he doubtlessly regarded as a pathetic 90. His only daughter died at 20 and his only son in infancy.

Izumi-san had never slept in a bed in his life, lying, instead, on a thin mat on the floor, with a wooden block as a pillow. His doctor said that he had "... good blood pressure for a man of his age". His handshake was curiously hot and his white hair was growing black again in places. His main interest in life, apart from *sho-chu*, was televised sumo wrestling. The Ryukyu islands, where he lived, are in the typhoon belt and have virtually no atmospheric pollution. Latterly, Izumi-san lived in a double-glazed bungalow, without beds or chairs, thus ensuring that any occidental visitor would not stay long. He was much venerated, purely on account of his immense age.

Unlike Mme Calment, Izumi-san had to work — hard. In fact, he had the longest working career on record: 98 years. He started, aged seven, goading an ox which drove a rotary sugar grinding mill, and then graduated to becoming a sugar farmer. He was excused military service in 1889 because the Imperial Government required sugar supplies more urgently than conscripts. He retired at the age of 105.

There are few subjects so beset and obscured by vanity, deceit, falsehood and deliberate fraud than extremes of longevity. Exaggerated claims are generally made, however, on behalf of, rather than by the very aged. The effective and proper requirement for authenticated ages are the intervals between the birth and death certificates, preferably supported by regular regional censuses.

Surprisingly, few countries have reliable methods of registering births. It is said that, even in America, fewer than 20 per cent of octogenarians can produce reliable evidence of their date of birth.

The most notorious fraud was when President Eisenhower ordered flags throughout the nation to be lowered to "half staff" in September 1959 to mark the passing of the "last survivor" of the Civil War of 1860-1864, Walter W. Williams, of Texas. When asked on what authority they had paid this 117-year-old a veteran's pension, the Texas Veterans' Administration said it paid on the authority of the Federal Veterans' Administration, which also paid Mr Williams a pension. When challenged, the Federal people said it paid the pension because Texas did.

There was a fortunate time lapse before it was shown conclusively that, despite total lack of cooperation from these official agencies, Trooper (honorary five-star General) Williams was not 117 but 104, and could not have been aged more than nine when the Civil War ended. None the less, he received a burial with full military honours and was even accorded a fourth leader in *The Times*.

Ross Eckler, an American, has made it a hobby to disprove ridiculously exaggerated claims emanating from his own country. He has no shortage of targets because, in every postwar year, Federal or State agencies have solemnly listed senior citizens with ages alleged to be more than 120. Using stricter standards, Mr Eckler disproved each one of them, except the genuine Delina Felkins, who died aged 113 years, 214 days in 1928, and was not surpassed until early 1979 by Izumi-san.

The American all-time champion is believed to be Miss Carrie White (1874-1991), who celebrated her 116th birthday on November 18, 1990. Statisticians maintain that even the present world population of 5.716 million people should be able to accommodate only 2.7 115 year olds. As for 120 year olds, they are statistical non-starters. They worry that there is not a single recorded genuine example of anyone dying at 117, 118 or 119.

In the recent past, the most newsworthy reports have emanated from such Shangri-Las as Abkhazskaya in the Georgia region of the former USSR.

Claims for people in the second half of their second century, and even into the first half of their third century, are an insult to human credulity but, none the less, such reports have regularly and lucratively occurred. They were published uncritically by the Press, presumably because they were supplied by news agencies and were regarded as "good copy".

The prize for the most outrageous claim to longevity must go to a man named Li Chung Yun. On May 5, 1933, a Chinese news agency announced his death and added that he had been born in 1680 — making him 253 years old.

A former Soviet gerontologist, expelled from his own country, was able to interpret some of these aberrations, adding the comment that if the ages of some Russians grew any greater they were in danger of proving an embarrassing advertisement for Tsarism. Referring to the allegedly 168-year-old "Baba" Misfimov (1805-1973), Dr Zhores Medvedyev stated: "He [Stalin] liked the idea that other Georgians lived to be 100 or more. Local officials tried hard to find more and more cases for Stalin. The whole phenomenon looks like a falsification."

There can be little doubt that some of the extraordinary ages claimed by the southern Soviet states were effected by untruths made to evade military service. Dr Medvedyev regarded 106 as the oldest proven age from the USSR.

Mme Calment, when asked how she viewed the future, replied simply: "Very short." She is not only the sole survivor of Imperial France but also, probably, the last eyewitness to the building of the Eiffel Tower. She saw it when her father took her to Paris in 1889. The following year, she recalls, Vincent van Gogh came to her mother's shop in Arles, and she remembers him being "... as ugly as sin, bad tempered and smelling of alcohol".

When Mme Calment dies it will, indeed, be the snapping of a unique link with the past.

The former Registrar-General, Roy Thatcher, is Britian's leading expert on extreme longevity. He relates his most encouraging finding, the answer to which could win a free *pint in any of Britain's* 70,000 pubs: How long do you have to live before the odds of getting to your next birthday are worse than 50:50? The answer is encouraging: 104.

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Ravel: born in 1875 like Mme Calment



TOPHAM

Above: Van Gogh's painting of his house at Arles, where he was a neighbour of Mme Calment. She remembers him as being "ugly as sin, bad tempered and smelling of alcohol"

Left: Jeanne Calment, pictured at Arles three years ago at 117 — when it was said she had *officially* given up smoking

Events in a life full of memories

1875: Jeanne Louise Calment born on February 21 at Arles, southern France. The French adopt a new republican constitution two years after Napoleon III's death. Tolstoy's *Anna Kareninu* is published. The composer Georges Bizet dies after the "failure" of his opera *Carmen*. Queen Victoria is in the 38th year of her reign.

1876: Mme Calment's first birthday. Alexander Graham Bell makes the first telephone call.

1877: Mme Calment's second birthday. The first gramophone is built at Edison's laboratories in New Jersey.

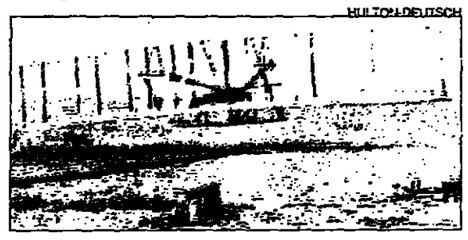
1885: Mme Calment's tenth birthday. Karl-Friedrich Benz produces the first petrol-driven tricycle.

1888: Mme Calment's thirteenth birthday. Augustin Le Prince shows the first film. Van Gogh moves to Arles.

1896: Mme Calment marries at 21. William McKinley is elected 25th US President (Bill Clinton is 42nd). The Olympic Games are revived in Athens.

1901: Mme Calment's twenty-sixth birthday. Queen Victoria dies. Marconi transmits the first Morse code message across the Atlantic.

HULTON-DEUTSCH



1903: Mme Calment's twenty-eighth birthday. The Wright brothers take to the air in North Carolina.

1905: Mme Calment's thirtieth birthday. The First Russian Revolution. Einstein moots his theory of relativity.

1917: Mme Calment's forty-second birthday. The Second Russian Revolution. The third battle of Ypres ends at Passchendaele. Mata Hari is executed as a German spy.

1925: Mme Calment's fiftieth birthday. The first exhibition of Surrealist paintings, including works by Picasso and Miró, opens in Paris. George Bernard Shaw wins the Nobel Prize for Literature. The film concerning the Russian Revolution, *Battleship Potemkin* by Eisenstein, opens.

1940: Mme Calment's husband dies: she is 65. Winston Churchill becomes Prime Minister. Nazis enter Paris. The Battle of Britain is fought. Leon Trotsky is assassinated.

1945: Mme Calment's seventieth birthday. The first atomic bomb is detonated in New Mexico. Second World War ends.

POPPERFOTO



1952: Mme Calment's seventy-seventh birthday. The Berlin Wall is erected. Elizabeth II is crowned.

1960: Mme Calment's eighty-fifth birthday. The American Gary Powers is shot down over Russia in a U2 spyplane. John Kennedy is elected President.

1961: Mme Calment's eighty-sixth birthday. The Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin becomes the first man in space.

1969: Mme Calment's ninety-fourth birthday. Astronauts Neil Armstrong and Ed "Buzz" Aldrin walk on the Moon.

1985: Mme Calment enters a retirement home at the age of 110. The first "Live Aid" concerts are held. Mikhail Gorbachev becomes Soviet President. French agents sink the Greenpeace ship *Rainbow Warrior*.

1989: Mme Calment's 114th birthday. The Berlin Wall is dismantled and the two Germanys become united.

NORRIS MCWHIRTER AND GUY WALTERS

Ruth Gledhill joins the Conservative Party conference in worship

A chance to sing for the blues



AFTER John Major had been welcomed to the stage with a standing ovation from more than 3,000 delegates, the conference chairman, David Kelly, invited us to sing the national anthem.

We were at the religious service which each year marks the beginning of the Conservative Party conference. The Conservatives are unique in opening their conference with an act of worship. The Labour Party adjourns its NEC meeting each year on the Sunday before conference to allow their leader to attend church, and Christians in the Liberal Democrats assemble for an informal act of worship on the last day of their conference.

The unseasonal summery weather in Blackpool did nothing to lighten the occasion, the mood made more solemn than usual by the death the previous night of Lord Home of the Hirsel, the former Conservative Prime Minister. Mr Kelly asked us to remain standing for a minute's silence to remember Lord Home, "a great Briton, a man of enormous courtesy, decency and honour, a statesman and a patriot".

The three clergy for the interdenominational service were a few seats from the Prime Minister in front of a blue backdrop on which the words: "Our Nation's Future, Conservative" were spelled out. Nearby, on the stage, were John Gummer, William Waldegrave and other Conservative luminaries. The Rev Chris Entwistle, the local Anglican vicar who arranged the service, welcomed us "on behalf of the worshipping communities here in Blackpool". He invited the conference, an assembly of six representatives from more than 650 associations nationwide, to "call to mind God's presence".

Mr Entwistle continued with a passage from Psalm 46 — "Be still and know that I am God" — before reading the Anglican collect for morning prayer. "We thank you that you have brought us safely to the beginning of this day," he said. "Keep us from falling into sin or running into danger."

AT YOUR SERVICE

We were seated on padded chairs on a wood-block floor laid in 1934 in a venue used for ballroom dance championships as well as annual party conferences. Lights flashed from cameras around the hall, while blue and white spotlights bathed the politicians on the stage. The conference stood as one for our first hymn, *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation*, the gusto of the singing an indication that most of those present were regular churchgoers.

During the following week, many of the party's Christians would take part in fringe meetings and prayer breakfasts organised by the Conservative Christian Fellowship, a group whose aims include combating a contemporary misunderstanding of Conservatism. The Fellowship argues that the party is "a moral enterprise if it is anything", and says that too many people associate Conservatives with "worship of the free-market economy".

As if to drum this message home, the Rev Lawrence Jones, President of the Blackpool Free Church Federal Council, read the tale of the Good Samaritan.

Our prayers were led by a Roman Catholic priest, Fr John Hopkinson SJ, of the Church of the Sacred Heart. He asked for God's blessing on the conference, prayed for the Queen and the Prime Minister, the Government, the administration and MPs. He asked God to bless them during the week and afterwards "with the gifts of courage and magnanimity to work together, without fear or favour, for justice, peace and prosperity for all".

Service at the Conservative Party conference, the Winter Gardens, Church Street, Blackpool, Lancs FW1 1HW (01253 293002)

★ *A one to five star guide to the service* ★

☐ **ARRANGED AND CONDUCTED BY:** The Rev Chris Entwistle, Vicar of St Paul's, North Shore.

☐ **ARCHITECTURE:** In the ornate Empress Ballroom of the Blackpool Winter Gardens, designed by Mangnall and Littlewoods and first opened to the public in 1896. ★★★★★

☐ **SERMON:** None, but service followed by addresses from various politicians including John Gummer.

☐ **MUSIC:** Sadly no Wurlitzer, but freelance organist Roly Haworth led us in worship on a smaller but effective Technics electronic organ. ★★

☐ **LITURGY:** Similar to Anglican morning prayer, without confession. ★★★

☐ **AFTER-SERVICE CARE:** Buy fish and chips plus milky tea in any one of surrounding venues, and visit the Blackpool illuminations.

☐ **SPIRITUAL HIGH:** Righteous. ★★★★

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NEW ON VIDEO: Anthony Hopkins in the wild; Burt Lancaster preaching hellfire; Robert Altman on the catwalk; *Star Wars* complete

■ **LEGENDS OF THE FALL**
Columbia TriStar, 15, 1994
PLUMP up the cushions: this family saga set early in the century takes its time as characters age from the cradle to the grave, and modern turmoil encroaches on the Montana wilderness. The photography suits an art-gallery wall, but the characters belong to a dime novel. Sparks fly once conniving Aidan Quinn squares off against his untamed brother, Brad Pitt: for the rest, we have nature to gaze at, plus Anthony Hopkins overacting. Available to rent.

■ **ELMER GANTRY**
Warner Home Video, PG, 1960
VOLCANIC Burt Lancaster bubbles with fire and brimstone in Richard Brooks's memorable version of the Sinclair Lewis novel about a charlatan preacher in the Midwest. Meticulously mounted with due regard for the period (the 1920s), and striking support from Jean Simmons as the dubious evangelist who takes him under her wing.

■ **A FEAST AT MIDNIGHT**
Entertainment, PG, 1994
JUSTIN HARDY'S gauche yet oddly endearing British film about a new boy at a boarding school who finds his feet by establishing a secret feasting society. Ten-year-old Freddie Findlay has the bland innocence of Mark Lester in *Oliver!*; luckily, he spares us the face-pulling of other young troupers in the cast. Robert Hardy oozes honey as the benign headmaster, but most eyes will be on Christopher Lee as the ogrish Latin teacher whose tastebuds shrivel at the thought of tofu lasagne. He did play Dracula, after all. A rental release.

■ **PRET-A-PORTER**
Buena Vista, 18, 1994
LIGHTNING struck twice when Robert Altman followed *The Players* with *Short Cuts*. But when the veteran maverick cast his withering gaze on the fashion world and its hangers-on, the third bolt never materialised. The background of Paris's fashion-show week may be authentic, but the stars stay caricatures, never people, while insights and good jokes are in short supply. On the plus side, Marcello Mastroianni and Sophia Loren echo their past pleasantly, and the costumes boggle the eyes. A rental release.

■ **PRIDE AND PREJUDICE**
BBC Video, U, 1995
THEY do not give you time to breathe: the serial has not yet finished its television transmission, and already it comes packaged for video, on two tapes available from Monday. The social comedy of Jane Austen's novel makes perfect costume drama for the BBC, although Alison Steadman's shrieking Mrs Bennet casts a blot on an otherwise carefully polished production.

■ **THE SCOUNDREL**
Arrow, 15, 1970
JEAN-PAUL RAPPENEAU'S second film shows the director some distance away from the superb control he brought to *Cyrano de Bergerac*. Jean-Paul Belmondo is the easy-going star, an adventurer seeking to divorce his wife, played by Marlène Jobert, in the second year of the French Revolution (hence the film's original title, *Les Mariés de l'an deux*). As costume romps go, this does not romp much. The English soundtrack is a further drawback.

■ **THE STAR WARS TRILOGY**
FoxVideo, U
STAR WARS, *The Empire Strikes Back* and *Return of the Jedi* are no strangers to video, though they may be if Fox sticks to its bizarre promise of deleting the titles "forever" after January. Their demise is celebrated with the release of THX digitally mastered prints, promising sharper images, richer colour and more dynamic sound. The tapes also come with interview material with George Lucas, the films' progenitor.

GEOFF BROWN



Big sky, big country: Anthony Hopkins and Brad Pitt star in *Legends of the Fall*, an expansive family saga set in the Montana wilderness in the early years of the century

NEW ON CD: Magnificent *Rheingold*; Janáček's folk roots; Al Grey's old jazz virtues; Fleetwood Mac past their time

OPERA
John Higgins

■ **WAGNER**
Das Rheingold
Schwarz/Begley/Schreier/Hale/Kapellmann/ Cleveland Orchestra/von Dohnányi
Decca 443 690-2 (2 CDs)★★
AS Bernard Haitink brings the Covent Garden *Ring* to a close with *Götterdämmerung* tonight, so Decca and Christoph von Dohnányi begin their cycle from Cleveland, Ohio, with *Rheingold*. Cleveland can hardly claim to be a top operatic town, but there is *that*



Wagner: into the infernal world

orchestra, which under Dohnányi has become one of the most powerful in America. Certainly it dominates this studio recording of Rheingold.

It sounds magnificent, even at times fearsome. Dohnanyi is not one for a comfortable musical ride. He lets the spikiness and the neuroses of the music show through, while still applying the silken touch when required. The Giants approach with thunderous steps. The descent into Niebelheim is a journey down to an infernal world: who could bear to be a Niebelung with all that din?

This power play could overwhelm the singers, especially with no stage performances behind them. But for the most part they are well able to stand up to Dohnányi. Franz-Josef Kapellmann's Alberich is outstanding, not least in his ability to show every nasty facet of the "hairy, humpbacked horror" (Wellgunde's words). Lechery is followed by tyranny and then by an old-fashioned cringe before Wotan. When Alberich is finally beaten, Kapellmann delivers his curse with telling fury.

The three tenors are vividly contrasted. Kim Begley's Loge is quick-witted and spiteful, his barbed darts, always finely articulated, searing like the tongues of flame he commands. Peter Schreier brings all the expertise of long years of Lieder singing to turn Mime into a poor, put-upon creature. Thomas Sunnegardh is a lightweight Froh. The Giants are solid, the ladies better than that. Hanna Schwarz is a determined Fricka, even though nobody listens to her, while Nancy Gustafson and Elena Zaremba shine in their appearances as Freia and Erda respectively.

The major question mark hangs over Robert Hale's Wotan. He lacks neither power nor presence but the interpretation has its dull patches. There is not the richness of James Morris's bass baritone nor the authority of John Tomlinson, to cite two of his recent rivals in the role. Perhaps he will show to better effect in Walküre, which is to come, and raise that into the three-star category.

VOCAL
Hilary Finch

■ **JANACEK**
Choral Works
Netherlands Chamber Choir/Schönberg Ensemble
Philips 442 534-2★★★
COMMUNAL folk-singing may have been on the wane in Janáček's Moravia, but choral societies were flourishing as an important focus of growing national consciousness. Choral writing forms the largest part of Janáček's output, yet it is still the least known and least recorded. The Netherlands Chamber Choir under Reinbert de Leeuw starts to put matters right in this compellingly varied, imaginatively performed programme.

From the earliest, hushed Wild Duck, to the Tagore parable, The Wandering Madman, composed when Janáček was at the height of his powers, there is an extraordinary virtuosity of textural and rhythmic drama on display here. Henk Vels is an eloquent tenor soloist, and Marja Bon an equally expressive pianist in the Elegy on the Death of his Daughter, while the woodwind, ocarina and double-bass soloists of the Schönberg Ensemble relish every second of the Riklada, 19 irresistible nursery-rhyme miniatures.

□ **JANACEK**
Moravian Folk Poetry in Songs
Pecková/Kusnjer/Lapšanský
Supraphon 11 2214-2 232★★
NEXT Friday, the Wigmore Hall hosts the solo recital debut of the Czech mezzo-soprano Dagmar Pecková; and her pungent voice, unusually pure and resilient of focus, can be heard on a valuable new two-disc set of Janáček's arrangement of folksongs from Moravia, Hukvaldy and Silesia.

Janáček was no romantic assimilator: rather, like Bartók, his transcribing, editing and reworking of



Pecková: pure and resilient

the melodies and raw rhythms of human speech was a lifelong preoccupation. This recital is not only highly enjoyable but is a fascinating compendium of source material for the "speech tunes" which permeate every phrase of Janáček's greatest operas.

In Pecková's performance of Cunning Little Vixen, more than one pre-echo of Kaťa is to be heard; and her passionate Fate (Osud) is clearly prophetic of the eponymous short opera. Ivan Kusnjer, with his easy, resinous baritone, shares this long recital, contributing a plaintive reflection on Love, a tiny, nasal Flies' Wedding, and a lusty call to Farmer's Annie. The wonderfully spare piano accompaniments are touched in by Marián Lapšanský.

ORCHESTRAL
Barry Millington

■ **GRIEG**
Piano Concerto
CHOPIN
Piano Concerto No 1
Mustonen/San Francisco Symphony/Blomstedt
Decca 444 518-2★★★

□ **GRIEG**
Piano Concerto
MOORE
Parodies
Moore/Orchestra of St Luke's/Talmi
EMI CDC 5 55336 2★

NOTHING the Finnish pianist Olli Mustonen does is run-of-the-mill, and his new recording of Grieg's Piano Concerto in A Minor is no exception. Every phrase of this old warhorse seems to have been thought afresh: a considerable achievement in a work so familiar. The danger is that in trying to say something new, an interpreter ends up merely sounding perverse. Mustonen is certainly idiosyncratic — witness his slightly mannered handling of the dotted figures when he announces the main material in the first movement. But it always makes musical sense, and there are many moments of real poetry.

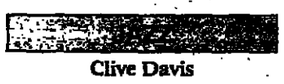
Not all conductors would be able to accommodate such eccentricity, but Herbert Blomstedt, with the San Francisco Symphony, proves a sympathetic accompanist, contributing insights of his own. The coupling is an enjoyable performance of Chopin's E Minor Concerto.

Dudley Moore's recording may not be in quite the same league, but neither can it be dismissed out of hand. He gets round the notes with considerable accomplishment, and if there are moments when the execution is just a touch laboured, there are compensations in the form of eloquent musicality. The remainder of the disc is made up of a sequence of Moore's hilarious musical parodies: of Chopin, Fauré and Schubert among others, but most memorably the wicked one of Peter Pears singing a Britten song.

A more mainstream recommendation than either of these would be one of the most successful of the Royal Philharmonic Collection's budget-range discs: Ronan O'Hora with the RPO under James Judd (Tring TRP024).



Moore: eloquent musicality



Clive Davis

■ **AL GREY**
Centerpiece: Live at the Blue Note
Telarc CD-83379★★★
WE PLACE so great an emphasis on innovation in jazz that the virtues of the old and the familiar are sometimes treated with scant respect. Al Grey's club date, with a sextet featuring trumpeter Harry "Sweets" Edison and pianist Junior Mance, belongs to a category that we often taken for granted.

In some respects, the repertoire is utterly predictable. At some point you can be sure that a Basie tribute will float into view, and you can be equally certain that when it arrives it will turn out to be Lester Leaps In. Harry Edison can always be relied upon to deliver a mid-tempo number on muted horn that fades out over a simple figure, repeated at length; sooner or later the musicians will change gear for a bossa nova (in this case Barry Harris's Nascimento).

There may be nothing new under this particular sun, yet what matters is the sense of grace and elegance that the musicians bring to the task at hand. Edison, who celebrated his eightieth birthday this week, has been sketching those epigrammatic phrases for half a century or more.

A mere 70, Grey still extracts a remarkable degree of colour from the trombone, his forceful use of the plunger mute adds the rasp of a rowdy blues shouter. Bewitched provides a vehicle for his playful ballad playing but even more arresting is his dexterity on the bopish opener, Dix Related.

David Sinclair

■ **FLEETWOOD MAC**
Time
Warner Bros 9362-45920★
THERE are lots of smiles on the faces of the various members of Fleetwood Mac adorning the inside cover of *Time*. But what a bunch of sad old buffers this lot have turned into since their last album, *Behind the Mask*, was released five years ago.

Stevie Nicks has gone her own way, along with guitarist Rick Vito. Thus, the core line-up of Mick Fleetwood, John McVie and Christine McVie is now augmented by guitarist Billy Burnette (retained from Behind the Mask), Dave Mason (the original guitarist in Traffic) and singer Bekka Bramlett (daughter of Bonnie Bramlett of Delaney and Bonnie).

Everyone does a bit of writing and singing, except John McVie, who wisely sticks to playing his bass. But despite the all-hands-on-deck policy, the ship goes down faster than a Big Mac and chips. Christine McVie emerges with her dignity least sullied. There is a faintly seductive quality to her composition Hollywood (Some Other Kind of Town), and she does bring a cool poise to the uptempo Nights in Estoril, a song in the classic, easy-listening Fleetwood Mac mould of the 1970s.

But the others seem to be working to a join-the-dots soft-rock formula. Bramlett's and Burnette's most palatable offering is a gossamer-light acoustic confection called Dreamin' the Dream. But more typical is a string of songs with Mason at the helm, such as I Wonder Why and Blow by Blow, that are rife with the most stupendous musical and lyrical clichés.

The album closes, not a moment too soon, with These Strange Times, an embarrassing spoken-word epic written and narrated by Fleetwood. A split-rock experience of such bland inconsequence that even quite limited exposure can induce severe torpor. Time should come with a health warning.

David Sinclair

■ **ASH**
Angel Interceptor
Infectious INFECT27★★
A GUITAR trio from Downpatrick, Co Down, Ash is Ireland's answer to the new wave of Britpop bands such as Sleeper and Supergrass. Ridiculously young — singer Tim Wheeler and bass player Mark Hamilton received their A-level results only weeks before their last single, *Girl from Mars*, debuted at No 11 — they opt for a more full-blooded sound than their British contemporaries on the latest single, *Angel Interceptor*.

With its uptempo, toe-tapping



Ash: full-blooded pop sound

tune borne aloft by a beefy blast of Les Paul guitar chords, it is a song that recalls the punky melodic overdrive of the Pixies. Using images of space travel as a metaphor for romantic elation ("I feel heaven in you") is not an entirely original concept. But the simply-stated theme at the heart of the song — "It's good to know tomorrow you are coming home" — combines with the emotional uplift of the chorus to sweep all before it.

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Stephen Anderton delves into the smaller, subtler-shaded varieties of the much maligned gladioli

Star quality gladdies

Snakes must feel wonderful when they have just sloughed their skins. I had the same feeling recently when visiting the British Gladiolus Society's Northern Exhibition at Belsay Hall, Northumberland. I went rather expecting to hate it, and came away pleasantly surprised that late-season gladioli could have such delicate charm.

But the flowers have earned a bad name, made worse by the gladioli-flinging activities of Dame Edna Everage and pop star Morrissey; I was once an unwilling gladdie target — they land with a stunning *thonk*. These are the big, monster varieties which still appear in gladioli competitions in bright, deckchair colours.

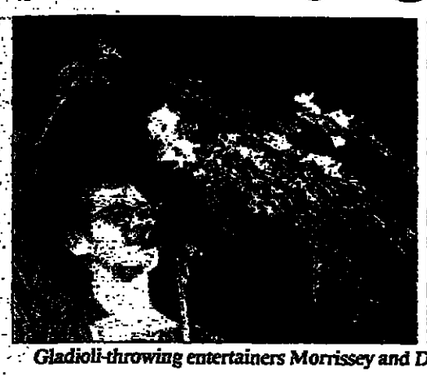
However, there are smaller ones in the *primulinus* classes which present themselves far more cooperatively, and some which come in the subtlest shades.

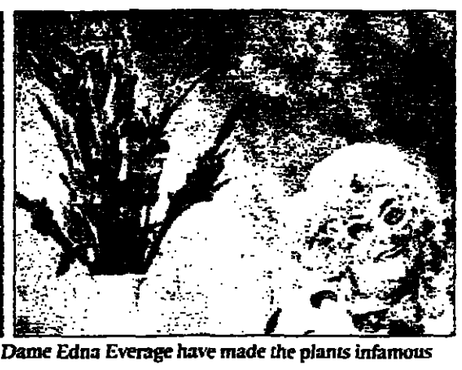
Breeding gladioli was at its peak between the 1920s and 1940s when nurserymen, such as Unwins, were working hard to produce new varieties. The British Gladiolus Society was founded in 1926, and Nigel Coe, its secretary, says that in those early days many of the larger varieties looked more like the *primulinus* do now: less solidly arranged up the stem, and with a more lateral arrangement of the petals.

The *primulinus* types are now recognised by their whippy stem, flowers which mount the stem in ladder fashion — one to the right, one to the left — and an upper central portion of the flower which bends forward in a hood, making a gap between the side petals. Hence the open, butterfly-like appearance.

Mr Coe dislikes the expression "butterfly gladioli". It is a bulb-seller's term, he says. A gimmick to sell more gladioli. But I like them.

The big, traditional gladioli has a stem which is stiff right to the top. There are no visible gaps between the flowers, which are packed up the stem like corn on a cob. It has been bred almost to a fault, and now, in an effort to coax show gladioli on to the bench to display their flowers barely touching each other, little wooden pegs are wedged between the opening buds and the stem, like some treatment for misplaced toes. The pity is that the big gladioli have no perfume; for this you have to look to the smaller, winter-growing species, such as *Gladiolus tristis*, which, except in favoured gardens, are more successfully grown in a pot under glass. A potful of *G. tristis* gives off the most delightful scent in the evening.





Gladioli-throwing entertainers Morrissey and Dame Edna Everage have made the plants infamous

The Gladiolus society is not really concerned with the *tristis* species. Just as the British Iris Society concentrates on blowsy hybrids and leaves the species to the members of its more specialised Species Group, so the Gladiolus society recommends that those who wish to see the delicate species go to the Royal Horticultural Society's spring shows at Westminster.

But how can people bear to grow such big gladioli with no perfume? Apparently it has not passed unnoticed by enthusiasts; love is not blind — but for gladioli it is; the large hybrids refuse to cross with the smaller, scented species.

Mr Coe hopes one day to achieve perfume through genetic engineering. Meanwhile, the big hybrids remain bright but unalluring.

Although gladioli are raised reasonably quickly from seed, (two to three years to flowering for *primulinus* types, four to five years for the big ones), their life in gardening is relatively short. Most new hybrids disappear from the specialist catalogues after five or six years, when the novelty wanes and the price drops. Thereafter, most gradually disappear.

For a gladioli, 30 years is a long lifetime, not least because virus is one of the great killers. Weakened by continuous clonal propagation and the incestuous beds of Gladiolus society growers, virus strikes all but the toughest — as it does with many irises and show leeks. The strappy-leaved plants of the monocotyledon brigade are a regular prey for virus under intensive growing conditions.

What gladioli need is good drainage (set them on sand or grit in a heavy soil) and then lots of water. In South Africa, they grow in wet, stream-side conditions, and do not object to an inch of rain a week during the period of active growth. For well-presented spikes, individual staking with a cane is probably necessary. And they need full light, of course. It is this hunger for light from early season until late, when they finally strut their stuff, which makes me reluctant to use them in a mixed border.

All summer is a long time to give to leaf spikes, whatever their potential. Is a green summer gap worth eight weeks of autumn blaze? Maybe, but if they were happy poking up through something else they would be much more useful.

Even so, I shall have to try some of these new, subtler varieties. Many of the new varieties are coming in from America and Holland, the Americans tending to be burly and waxy of petal, the Dutch rather thinner. Others are coming from Russia and Lithuania, and the Czech Republic and Slovakia. The latter especially took my eye. There are no double gladioli, but 'Olinka' is so crimped it is the next best thing. The buds are green and beige, the open flowers an intriguing mixture of pink, yellow and beige. 'Dana' is similar.

The American 'Mileesh' is a monster, but of the same colour trend. I saw only its individual cut flowers, but they were of an old-rose powder pink, over purple and white, like a lush dowager's nose. It would be a wonderful cut flower.

Of the *primulinus* types, I liked 'Shawna', ruby red, delicate, and all facing front; 'Apricot Perfection', a charming, pale orange with a yellow throat spotted orange; and 'Columbine', a Dutch butterfly with mid-pink wings and a white body.

Mr Coe's recommendations) for good, easily available, big varieties of the past 20 years are 'Lowland Queen', blush pink with red thumb print inside; 'Mont Blanc', white with an occasional pale mauve splash in the throat; 'Trader Horn', mid-red, with a white spear in the throat; and Green Woodpecker', lemon green, with a maroon blotch in the throat. Other impressive modern varieties you should look for include 'Kristin', 'Holland Pearl', 'Drama', 'Violeta', 'Esta Bonita', 'Tesora', 'Atom', and 'Irish Lass'.

● *Nigel Coe, secretary, British Gladiolus Society, 24 The Terrace, Mayfield Ashbourne, Derbyshire DE6 2JL.*



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- *Dry off potted begonias and store.*
- *Gently feed cyclamen to strengthen them towards flowering.*

GARDEN ANSWERS



STEPHEN ANDERTON replies to readers' questions

Q My grandchildren put a mango seed in a pot this summer and left it behind the garden shed. To our surprise it sprouted. How do we keep it going? — Mrs Anne Harper, Taunton, Somerset.

A It needs a tall greenhouse if it is to produce fruit. In the wild it is a 60ft tree. But you can grow it as a pot plant for a few years. Bring it indoors and give it a light position. Keep it dry in winter and water well in summer.

Q This summer I bought two dwarf Japanese maples. They went into tubs on a south-facing terrace where, despite regular watering, the leaves shrivelled in the hot weather. I moved them into a northeast position and they recovered. Can they go back on the terrace now? — Mrs E. Levy, Kenton, Middlesex.

A The cut-leaved dwarf maple. *Acer palmatum var. dissectum*, and its coloured varieties, can scorch in hot sun even in a normal year. A position with a little more shade would be more suitable. At this time of year, and in winter, the aspect does not matter. These maples are wood hardy, but do not relish having their roots frozen.

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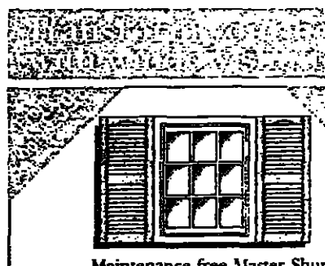
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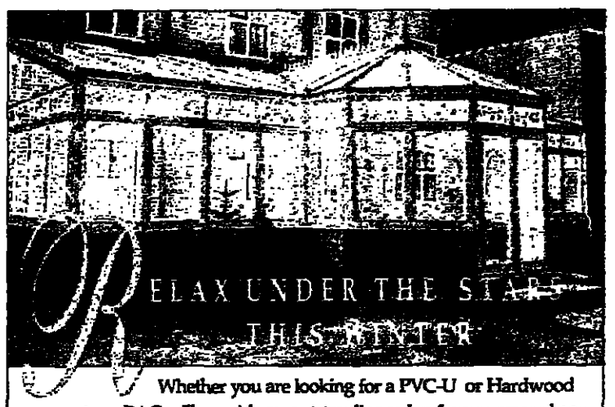


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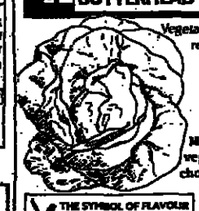
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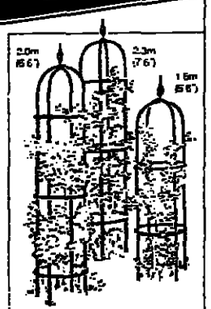
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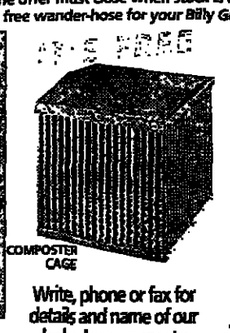
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The last Noël for me

■ THE CHRISTMAS BOX
By Richard Paul Evans
Simon & Schuster, £7.99

I AM a sucker for Christmas. I collect cribs, put candles in the window, and weep over Tiny Tim. Any little red book with a Victorian angel and "A Christmas Box" in gold is a reflex purchase.

Or was, until *The Times* put me through aversion therapy. They sent me *The Christmas Box* by Richard Paul Evans, a pretty little bauble which made No 2 in the *New York Times* bestsellers despite being the self-published testament of an ordinary joe from Utah. It was, the chat-show circuit heard, rejected by six publishers: the implication being that it was too warm and honest.

Heck, it is just a simple tale of a formal-wear rental entrepreneur in Salt Lake City, whose family keep house for a sweet, rich old lady with a



Aversion: Christmas angel

brain tumour, who teaches them the true meaning of Christmas. Which is that formal-wear rental comes second to "a parent's pure love for a child". Publishers sneered, but its moving message triumphed over commercialism.

Wrong. Those six publishers are heroes. They rejected this book because it is horrible: a repulsive piece of schmaltz, a ham-fisted ghost story which lumbers towards a denouement straight out of the Erich Segal advice book for writers ("When you're stuck, kill a puppy dog").

Moreover, its author has a chronic cloth ear and horribly mingles talk of "prerequisites for co-habitation" with lunges at poetic diction such as, "In the silence of the lights we faced the death of a friend". Then he socks you with a dead baby. You nearly cry; then detest yourself and the meretricious little red swine of a book, and throw it out of the window, and have to retrieve it from the flowerbed in order to review it for the unfeeling *Times*-beast who has just cured you, forever, of any taste for Christmas angels.

LIBBY PURVES

Lecturing? There's a book in it

When writers mount the podium, a printed collection is bound to follow

For most of those who have spent their precious youth attending them, the very word "lecture" may be enough to induce a yawn, if not a shudder. In our impatient age, the idea of reading lectures for pleasure sounds perverse. Lectures — like speeches, broadcasts and sermons — are apt to be more diffuse and repetitive than texts intended to be read. If listening to a live lecture can be purgatory, reading the same words dead on the printed page must be hell.

Yet the staple reading of our ancestors was the sermon: and English literature would be very much poorer if our divines, from Lancelot Andrewes, Shakespeare's contemporary, to that pre-eminent Victorian, John Henry Newman, had never published the words they preached so eloquently. As the 19th century wore on, the function of the parson was usurped by the academic, just as the dons abandoned their holy orders.

Simultaneously, writers discovered their new vocation as sages and gurus. An insatiable appetite turned out to exist for anything that threw light on this most enviable of professions. (A survey in *GQ* magazine claims that the most popular alternative job among businessmen is "writer".) Many writers took academic posts, usually to teach literature. And while it is common enough for those who have succeeded in other fields to try their hands at novels, it is now rare to find writers who practise professions unconnected with writing, as the engineer Robert Musil, the chemist Primo Levi or the librarian Philip Larkin all did.

The net effect has been to give writers a permanent platform for talking (as opposed to writing) about themselves in front of the rest of us, whether in lecture halls or the media, more or less incessantly. No thrifty writer (and they all are) wishes to waste publishable material: and so collections of lectures now pour off the presses.



DANIEL JOHNSON

They may be publishable, but are they worth publishing? A fair sample is represented by two new volumes, both by very familiar writers: *Strange Things: The Malevolent North in Canadian Literature* (OUP, £15), four Clarendon Lectures given at Oxford in 1991 by the Canadian novelist Margaret Atwood; and *The Redress of Poetry* (Faber, £15.99), ten lectures given from 1989 to 1994 by the Oxford Professor of Poetry and new Nobel laureate, Seamus Heaney.

Heaney was by all accounts a popular incumbent of the only Oxford chair that is appointed by the students rather than the dons, fully maintaining its convivial traditions while taking the teaching side of the post very seriously indeed. But the lectures of this Northern Irish Catholic poet must have sorely disappointed those who had hoped for a blast of Fenian nationalism to shake the Oxford colleges to their imperialist foundations.

Heaney's inaugural lecture celebrated the quintessentially English (and Protestant) figure of George Herbert; and he invoked the shades of James Joyce and Thomas MacDonagh (executed for his part in the Easter Rising of 1916), neither of whom "considered it necessary to proscribe within his reader's memory the riches of the Anglophone culture whose authority each was, in his own way, compelled to challenge".

Throughout, Heaney refuses to allow his strong sense of Irishness to curtail his ability, as poet and critic, to draw on his British inheritance. He ends with an eloquent appeal to Unionists, that they "should make a corresponding effort at two-mindedness".

While the poet from the Province could take the whole world as his province and sound anything but provincial, Margaret Atwood spoke on Canadian literature. In the introduction she wrote later, she affects to have been intimidated by her "bored-in-advance" Oxford audience. (Having met the redoubtable, witty and seductive lady in question, I doubt this.)

Anyway, she spiced her first lecture — on the literary legacy of that ill-fated explorer of the North-west Passage, Sir John Franklin — with a theme she knew the English would relish: cannibalism. And at the post-lecture sherry party, she "was treated to the spectacle of a number of Oxford academics nibbling hors-d'oeuvres and delicately discussing the question of who they would be prepared to eat". I should love to know which learned *savant* it was who told her: "I wouldn't eat the liver. I *hate* liver."

Despite their academic trappings, the literary qualities of both Heaney and Atwood are omnipresent in their lectures, which have only two things in common: unrhetorically short — but not monotonously staccato — sentences; and a didactic purpose, artfully concealed. That purpose is to impart an irrepressible love of literature for its own sake.

Camelot in the Celtic raw

King Arthur stripped of most of his legend could be a hit-and-myth affair, but **Peter Millar** is spellbound

HANG on to your Tardis, Cornwell fans. After pillaging the 19th century from the Napoleonic to the American Civil wars, the man who gave us *Sharpe's Rifles* has hurtled back a millennium and more to the Dark Ages and a ready-made hero: Arthur.

Except that this Arthur has been remade in an image contemporary with his supposed historical location. No Round Table here, no questing beasts or romanticised medieval chivalry. Richard Gere's ridiculous swashbuckling Lancelot in *First Knight* would recognise nothing in this saga of a wind-blown, dung-smelling Celtic Britain on the cusp between the fall of Roman civilisation and the barbarism of Saxon invasion — except perhaps its cinematic potential.

Cornwell's Arthur is not even a king. He is a warlord, famed indeed for his "knights", a band of Romanised cavalry equipped with primitive armour. His mission is to protect the kingdom of the infant Mordred from the machinations of rival British tribal rulers who would usurp his hereditary position as High King, while simultaneously trying to forge some semblance of unity to face off the invading Saxon onslaught.

Arthur's tale is narrated by Derfel, a Saxon-born — and therefore usefully bilingual — former slave elevated to the ranks of the British, ie, Celtic, chieftains. But it is told with hindsight towards the end of a long life — as befits the first volume in a trilogy — when the "old world" that Arthur stood for has gone and he is already the stuff of legend: "These are the tales of the land we call Lloegyr, which means the Lost Lands, the country that was once ours but which our enemies now call England." No "land of hope and glory" patriotism here: the Welsh nationalists will have a field day.

■ THE WINTER KING
By Bernard Cornwell
Michael Joseph, £15.99



Cornwell: ditching the baggage of later anachronisms

As he explains in a worthy, and interesting, note, Cornwell strove to rid the Arthurian legend of the anachronisms which later accrued to it. But he found this would have meant shedding so much of the myth that it would have lost its familiar ring. So Camelot becomes the poets' fictitious name for Dumnonia — roughly, Dorset — but Lancelot, Guinevere and Galahad are preserved, even if he tinkers with their traditional relationships with each other.

It is a half-way house which I found an uncomfortable solution. But where it does work, to outstanding effect, is in the character of Merlin, here entrancingly reincarnated as a feared druid, crotchety and almost indifferent to sides in the Britons' internecine struggles, but fanatical in his quest for the "lost knowledge" which he believes will restore the old gods and banish both the heathen Saxons and lingering Roman Christianity.

The magic of Merlin and his adept, Nimue, is the stuff of sheep's skulls, incantations and spittle, its power rooted in psychology and faith. Spell-binding realism.



On the record: Max Wall in *Krapp's Last Tape*, from *Samuel Beckett* (Secker & Warburg, £9.99), the playwright and his productions photographed by John Minihan

NOVELS IN BRIEF

Small gem from the outback

■ THE OPAL DIVINER
By Alan Martin
Rampant Horse, £14.99

FRANK SLATTERY, the protagonist of Alan Martin's first novel, is a geologist turned prospector, whose decision to leave his lecturing job at an English university to look for opals in the Australian desert is partly a response to the mid-life crisis, partly a way of escaping memories of his unhappy marriage. When he is stranded in the desert after a disastrous prospecting trip, he takes refuge at an isolated hotel. There he is thrown into the company of four people: Jim and Kate Sutton, who run the hotel, and Willie and Jo, two drifters who are its permanent residents. Over the next few days, as the underlying tensions and rivalries between these four become apparent, Slattery is forced to reassess his own needs and desires — not least his attraction towards Kate. Martin's descriptions of the Australian outback are vividly perceived. By contrasting the immensity of the Australian landscape with the enclosed space of the hotel, he conveys the claustrophobia of the various relationships disrupted by Slattery's arrival. The result is a tautly-constructed narrative, whose ending is as unpredictable as its opening pages.

■ ISABEL'S BED
By Elinor Lipman
Bantam, £5.99

AT THE age of about 40, would-be novelist Harriet Mahoney is ditched by her lover after a 12-year relationship and feels as if her life has come to an end. Then she answers an ad in *The New York Review of Books* for a writer to "ghost" the memoirs of Isabel Krug — the glamorous "other woman" in a sensational murder trial — and finds her life changed forever. Installed in Isabel's luxurious Cape Cod mansion, Harriet wrestles with the task of giving literary shape to her employer's reminiscences, as well as trying to get to grips with life as a single woman. Lipman's writing is funny and sharp — all the more so when she is being satirical. Her description of the earnest New York writers' group to which Harriet belongs is one example; no less devastatingly accurate is her account of the way relationships end.

■ THE WEDDING
By Dorothy West
Abacus, £9.99

THE FIRST novel for 50 years by one of the leading lights of the Harlem Renaissance movement gives an intriguing twist to the "race question". Set on the prosperous Massachusetts island of Martha's Vineyard, the novel centres on the marriage of Shelby Coles, a beautiful young woman from a wealthy black family, and Meade, a struggling white jazz musician. Shelby's family and friends are divided into those who favour the marriage, such as her grandmother, the daughter of a former plantation-owner, and those, such as Shelby's sister Liz, who feel that she is betraying her racial heritage. Added to this already volatile mixture of characters is the rapacious Lute McNeil, whose affairs with various white women have made him all the more determined to have Shelby for himself. West dramatises the debate between these points of view with passionate conviction, leaving no doubt as to where her own sympathies lie: "Colour was a false distinction; love was not."

CHRISTINA KONING

TIMES BOOKS

THURSDAY

Ackroyd on Auden; Matthew Parris: are homosexuals normal? John Julius Norwich sails to Byzantium. Plus: Karen Armstrong on God and Matthew d'Ancona on the oldest fragment of the Gospel

America meets its mincer

THE Rev Jim Tickell is a worthy addition to the noble line of American evangelists whose dealings with Mammon have been more than just a sideline to their dealings with the Lord. Sportswear, Japanese capsule hotels, a pig farm: you name it, he is in it, his capital spread like a drift net and his belief in free enterprise as unshakeable as his faith in his saviour. Alex Berry, fresh out of business school, believes he has found the perfect investor for the perfect product: the Humpty Dumpster, waste recycler, gourmet sausage-maker, the answer to the green dreams of the 1990s.

Of course, it is not as simple as that. Alex does not know about Tickell's involvement with one of the candidates in a race for the governorship of California; he never imagines he will become involved with the preacher's luscious young wife, Nelda; but he ought to have known not to leave the sausage-plant in the tender care of Heidi, who is too flaky to keep track of the difference between fertiliser and fancy foods.

■ LONG PIG
By Jon Stephen Fink
Jonathan Cape, £10.99

Jon Stephen Fink's writing is jittery and baroque, and yet his jagged metaphor can give way to piercing insight. Portraying a convention of creationists, his narrator asks: "What kind of science begins with its conclusions, trusts unknown processes and supernatural miracles over natural law as an explanation for evidence of the past?" A description of Darwinism or the Bible? You decide.

Capitalism and religion are the engines of American society, and politics is the fuel that feeds them. Fink tackles these imposing subjects in a crowded, hugely entertaining tale whose only real fault is an excess of imagination. *Long Pig* is possessed of several climaxes, and one could argue that this blunts its impact. But Fink's writing is strong enough to sustain its vivid and peculiar finale, a moving evocation of cannibalism and an ascension into the very particular heaven of the Rev Jim Tickell.

ERICA WAGNER

The victim of a brutal attack, Julie Chimes learnt how to become a survivor

After the blood, it takes guts

A FEW years ago Julie Chimes was stabbed repeatedly in the chest, stomach, mouth and neck with a carving knife. The perpetrator of this vicious attempted murder was a paranoid schizophrenic woman named Helen, the patient of Chimes's doctor boyfriend, known as TC, who had sent Helen round to the house he shared with Chimes. Because of some confusion over her notes, TC did not know that Helen was a paranoid schizophrenic. But even if he had, what on earth was he doing sending a patient around to his own house in the first place?

It is a painful question to ask, not only because it raises the question of blame where blame is inappropriate, but because it is the one question which Chimes, in this thoughtful account of her attack and recovery, never really manages to answer for herself. As this book is partly about becoming a survivor and not a victim, the question of why Chimes wound up with a man so unable to draw boundaries around his own life is important, for it is her relationship with him which underlines her initial vulnerability. After all, even when she is lying in intensive care, TC chooses to go away for the weekend. He cannot cope and she, though angry, defends him. Perhaps this tells you all you need to know about being a victim.

■ A STRANGER IN PARADISE
By Julie Chimes
Bloomsbury, £16.99

But Chimes has moved on since then and delved deep into the well of her own pain to produce a surprisingly good book, full of original and quirky touches, including the thank-you and no-thanks-to-you letters she writes to those involved. This prevents *A Stranger in Paradise* being merely a "what-it-feels-like-to-be-stabbed" book, and although there are moments when it makes curiously voyeuristic reading, the story of Chimes's recovery in ways beyond the physical gives the narrative real weight.

DAVID THOMPSON



Chimes: delving deep into the well of her own pain

There are also many chilling accounts of the general disharmony caused by violent attacks. Witness Chimes's anger with all those who talked over her when she was in intensive care. The dying are not deaf, she points out, and hearing people say you are dead meat does nothing for morale.

Far worse, however, was the moment at the scene of the crime when a man refused to spread his jacket over Chimes to keep her warm. She is going to die anyway, he reasons, so why ruin a good jacket? It makes you ashamed to be a member of the human race, and Chimes does well to remind us of the base, as well as the beautiful, in this brave and admirable account of what has made her life worth living since someone else tried to end it with her own kitchen knife.

MARY LOUDON

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Curiouser and curiouser

Peter Hennessy finds that age has only sharpened Tony Benn's inquiring mind



Benn: a life free of boredom

THERE are only two people left in the House of Commons whose political existences have been so long and so full that you would want their times refracted through the individual prism of their lives. One is Sir Edward Heath, from whom we have not had a word of political memoir. The other is Tony Benn, from whom we have had six bulging volumes of diaries now crowned by the collected/abridged edition, chosen by his assistant, Ruth Winstone.

They span exactly 50 years — from Benn's Westminster school report of 1940 to his visit to Baghdad in 1990 on his mission to persuade Saddam Hussein to release hostages ahead of the Gulf War. In doing so, they have a flavour of their own.

■ THE BENN DIARIES
By Tony Benn, selected, abridged and introduced by Ruth Winstone
Hutchinson, £25

For, taken in one go, they show how nearly right Harold Wilson was in the mid-1970s to accuse Tony Benn of "immaturing with age". It is true that he was more radical as Industry Minister in 1974-75 than he had been as Technology Minister in 1966-70. But the key to understanding the Benn of 1990 is to sense the continuities with the Benn of the 1940s.

What is so special about him is his constant curiosity about why things are as they are, why they have to be that way and what he can do about them. For this diary has a consistent function: Benn wants it to be a knowledge bank with a purpose — an instrument whereby he can be better placed to reform and to change.

This is not immaturity: it is what Einstein called a "holy curiosity" of the kind that infuses and enthuses the best undergraduates, and it shines fortissimo when Benn talks to students himself (which he does with a charm and a brilliance that can melt even those reared on their parents' *Daily Mail*).

Quite apart from the brio of illuminating a life almost entirely free of boredom (another rarity), the collected Benn has some critical patches of postwar history recorded hot. Probably the most important are the accounts of the long and fraught Cabinet meetings in November and December 1976 which finally produced a deal with the International Monetary Fund on financial support in return for spending cuts.

Benn thinks he knows the day that social democracy gave up the fight in postwar Britain — December 2, 1976, when his old *Oxford Economics* mentor, Tony Crosland, said he disagreed entirely with Jim Callaghan's analysis but the Prime Minister had to be backed or sterling would collapse and with it the Labour Government. From these diaries we do not know if Benn thinks Tony Blair stands for Croslandism revived. I rather suspect that he does not (and that he is right).



The Ranfurlys (right) in Palestine with Lord Yarborough

■ TO WAR WITH WHITAKER: The Wartime Diaries of the Countess of Ranfurly 1939-45
Mandarin, £5.99
TWO wars are fought in the early pages of these diaries: the world war and the newly married Countess of Ranfurly's personal war with military bureaucracy. She is determined to remain, against orders, in the Middle East where Dan, her adored husband, is stationed; they are equally determined to see her shipped home. It's a gripping battle with the outcome uncertain until the last memo is filed. But Hermione triumphs, and General Sir Henry Maitland (Jumbo) Wilson declares "this lady has out-manoeuvred every general in the Middle East".

At last she is free to devote all her considerable enterprise, courage and intelligence to the real war effort — first at SOE in Cairo, where she ends up gathering evidence of its security lapses by stealth, then at the High Commission in Jerusalem, later, and most importantly, as personal assistant to General Jumbo Wilson, Commander in Chief Middle East.

The pain of separation from Dan, who is taken prisoner early on, is only partly assuaged by the intrinsic interest of her work with its access to classified information and visiting VIPs. Her circle of friends is glamorous too (she lunches with Douglas Fairbanks Jnr, and dines with the Duff Coopers and Fitzroy Maclean on one day in 1944), but there is no one more supportive than Whitaker, her husband's unforgettable valet and honky tonk player *extraordinaire*.

Coco, her querulous parrot purchased in a Baghdad grain market, ends up in the rented Mayfair flat where in May 1945 the Ranfurlys finally get to unwrap their wedding presents. Honest, perceptive and very funny, these diaries are a delight.

■ PROLOGUE: An Unconventional Life
By Joan Brady
Abacus, £6.99
THE AUTHOR of the prizewinning novel *Theory of War* started her career as a dancer, first at the San Francisco Ballet School and then with Balanchine's New York City Ballet. In this sharp and elegant memoir she describes the years she spent in that obsessional world of bloodstained shoes and fearful rivalries. The real rivalry, though, was with her own mother — Brady made off with her mother's lover, and in return her mother did her best to destroy her daughter's career. Alas, the end of the book falls rather flat after the excitements of this high-octane period, and even the birth of Brady's son gets only a passing mention.



■ LA MOREAU: A Biography of Jeanne Moreau
By Marianne Gray
Warner Books, £7.99
DAUGHTER of a Lancastrian Tiller Girl and an unsuccessful Parisian restaurateur, Moreau was stagestruck from the age of 15 and became a Comédie Française star at 20. She acted in numerous mediocre films until, in 1958, Louis Malle launched her into the *nouvelle vague*. Malle also became her lover, as did most of her other directors — Losey, Welles, Tony Richardson and Truffaut, with whom she made *Jules et Jim*. Love, she claimed, was part of the creative process. Tough, dedicated, incapable of fidelity, Moreau emerges from this slightly shallow biography as a great survivor. Several men have claimed to be her son, though she had only one, Jerome, in 1948.



■ WAITING FOR THE DARK, WAITING FOR THE LIGHT
By Ivan Klíma
Granta, £5.99
KLIMA'S novel views life before, during and after Czechoslovakia's 1989 "Velvet Revolution" through the eyes of Pavel, a middle-aged cameraman who argues with his boss without the courage to dissent, and his alter-ego Fuka, the hero of the screenplay he's going to write when freedom comes. But instead he starts an advertising agency, buys a fast red car and makes soft-porn films. He looks enviously at Peter, the friend with whom he once tried to defect: now exiled in the country and married to the girl they both loved. The book catches both the atmosphere of a society in transition and also the disappointment of a man who has let the important things in life slip past him.

● *Contributors: Philippa Ingram, Hazel Leslie, Nicki Household, Fiona Hook*

Rottweiler with milk teeth



Pure Irish breed: *Come* (1950), from *The Art of Jack B. Yeats* by T. G. Rosenthal (Andre Deutsch, £14.99), a lavishly illustrated overview of the work of the Irish artist, too long overshadowed by his brother, the poet W. B. Yeats

HE COULD have called it *Let Me Out, I'm Not Barmy*. For more than a decade the tabloid columnist Richard Littlejohn has been in the grip of a magnificent and slow-burning rage against the idiocies of modern Britain. This selection of his columnar tantrums is wounding, funny, mocking, unfair and tonic. It is not, however, the ideal Christmas gift for an Eritrean lesbian, a humourless social worker or anyone who holds any kind of public office with Hackney Borough Council.

Littlejohn's recent journalistic and broadcasting career reads like a continuous, glorious and irresponsible lark. Though his attacks on the Royal Family were censored by the BBC and his phone-in escapades as an LBC presenter helped the station towards an early grave, he has generally been indulged by his employers. Liberal though my own editor is with me, I would not chance my luck by describing Prime Minister's questions as "a glorified wank", nor measure the integrity of the Palace's public relations machine as equivalent to the quantity you could get into the little bit at the end of a condom.

And this, you realise, is Littlejohn-on-a-leash. He has had a Tory Britain to satirise, poor fellow, as a right-wing writer. Watch out, Prime Minister Blair: Littlejohn is already growling in his kennel.

I admire him, love his writing and am amazed that 1990s Britain has only produced one such satirist. I do not care at all that he is unfair — was Swift, was Wilkes, was Michael Wharton fair? — and have never been able to summon up the appropriate indignation at his pooftah-bashing passages. Homophobic? Ostensibly. Disablist? Well, judge for yourself: "Every road in the country will soon have more humps than a convention of Quasimodo impersonators." Insensitive? Read "EU-positive" — Littlejohn on a new viral infection . . .

No, good knockabout must be politically incorrect. Of Littlejohn I would venture only one complaint and it is the opposite one: he is not nasty enough. Often compared with a rottweiler, he is too often a labrador, wagging his tail surprisingly often, and leaving not a gaping wound but a little pile of something unpleasant on the carpet.

There is a timidity among modern right-wing satirists. Hackney Town Hall is fair game, of course; attacking political correctness is now so fashionable that it is politically incorrect not to; royal follies are easily ridiculed; and Eritrean lesbians are a fanciful target. Fine. Go for them. Go for them all. Enjoy the saloon-bar cheers. But why deal so gingerly with your readers' own prejudices?

When we see Littlejohn deliver just the occasional nip to the hand that feeds him, we shall know he has graduated from labrador to rottweiler.

MATTHEW PARRIS

■ YOU COULDN'T MAKE IT UP
By Richard Littlejohn
Heinemann, £9.99

Chatterley ever after

WHAT a cliffhanger! Two-thirds of the way through Elaine Feinstein's sequel to D. H. Lawrence's steamy shocker, we still do not know whether the unwed lovers will stay together. What really happened to the pregnant Lady Chatterley, and her gamekeeper lover, Mellors, has probably exercised as many imaginations as whether Rhett really did not give a damn when he walked out on Scarlett. Over the years *The Daily Telegraph*'s Peter Simple column has reported sightings of that odd couple, the Mellors, usually in a mansion flat overlooking Kensington Gardens.

■ LADY CHATTERLEY'S CONFESSION
By Elaine Feinstein
Macmillan, £10.50

Lawrence's final (of three) version of the tale left the pregnant Connie and her jobless lover parted, but hoping to meet soon. Ken Russell ended his recent four-part BBC television series by packing the pair off to Canada. Emigration is an honourable solution to a social-sexual impasse in the English novel — as it was indeed for Lawrence and Frieda. When they fled England in 1912, she was a Nottingham professor's wife.

Feinstein, with her usual skill, weaves a narrative of the subsequent years of Connie and Mellors out of threads taken from the novel and from Lawrence's and Frieda's lives. Part of this little book's charm is to see familiar pieces reappearing in a new context — the fox face of the man, the smell of leaves in October, the jam-making, the ambivalence toward children, the plate-throwing, the tuberculosis.

If you did not like the original, you will not like the sequel. The same faults are there. The sex scenes are embarrassing: "thrust", "belly" and the "bush of hair" come in for heavy duty. If you are a Lawrence-lover, however, you will see Lawrence's sins expiated through the female voice.

Feinstein faces up to some ugly Lawrencian ingredients — anti-Semitism, pro-Fascism, insane rage, hatred of "the beak" (the clitoris) — and steers the narrative confidently towards an acceptable resolution.

It is an added bonus that the impotent Sir Clifford Chatterley ages gracefully and that the original book's real villain — his nurse, the fawning Mrs Bolton, so ready with the intimate massage — is killed off.

BRENDA MADDOX

Anthony Clare's astute insights are as arresting as his subjects' revelations

Speaking their minds

IN THE engaging jacket photograph, Anthony Clare is sitting on what looks like a bar stool. A happy circumstance, for his interviews are more like intimate conversations than clinical investigation.

There are few things more notoriously boring than accounts of other people's dreams or their psychological symptoms, and I have known psychiatrists who need recourse to stimulating substances to stay awake in the course of their professional day. Clare does not suffer from this affliction but seems to take pleasure in his work.

Many of his brief contributions to the discussions are as diverting as anything his guests offer. Talking to Sir Colin Davis, he remembers something that Michael Tippett had said about deriving strength from being an outsider. "Indeed," observes Clare, "I sometimes think most people think of themselves as outsiders." In a time when there is such emphasis on a spurious "community", this insight deserves further discussion. In his interview with Marjorie Proops, he remarks on the need of spies who want "desperately to say to somebody 'I'm not what I seem' " — at the very least, the kernel of a novel.

■ IN THE PSYCHIATRIST'S CHAIR
By Anthony Clare
Heinemann, £14.99



Clare: pleasure in his work

The truth is, of course, that the entertaining ease with which Clare conducts these programmes is the result of a profound knowledge of his subject. In the introductions to each interview, he speculates on the condition of humanity as well as on the personality of the guest in question, comparing Bernie Grant's insistence on the "importance of knowing your family tree, your ancestry and inheritance" with the attitude of Professor Robert Winston, a pioneer of in-vitro fertilisation.

He is particularly interesting on Professor Bernard Knight, consultant pathologist at the Home Office, whose "daily job it is to examine the wrecked, ruined bodies of people murdered, raped, tortured and dismembered" and who describes it "as just that, a job. I get up at nine o'clock and I do the day's work and I go home and do something else." He does however have a recurrent dream in which he is doing a post-mortem on a member of his family — and the subject is still alive. Clare writes that this interview drew an unusual flurry of correspondence from people shocked not at Knight's attitude to his work but at his "unqualified dismissal of religious belief as a 'form of mental aberration' ".

A previous letter had rebuked Clare for neglecting the issue of religion, which he found extremely odd since ". . . hardly an interview passes without some discussion concerning belief, the purpose of life, the challenge of mortality, the nature of creation". This only goes to prove that people only hear what they want to and probably involves the concept of denial. Listeners should read the book, paying full attention.

ALICE THOMAS ELLIS

Teenage dreams in Sweet Valley

Even the author, it appears, cannot quite remember the title of her latest book. Of the 100 million copies of Francine Pascal's books for teenagers now in print, some of them go by numbers. We are talking mainly about the *Sweet Valley* series, in which twin Californian beauties, Jessica and Elizabeth Wakefield, go through high school and university obsessed with dating, beach parties and fashion while responding to challenging issues along the way.

Pascal says she thinks it is either number 115 or 116. In fact, *Nightmare in Death Valley* (Bantam, £2.99) is 116. In it, Jessica, the selfish and irresponsible twin, and Elizabeth, her more diligent and sensible sister, are participating in a desert-survival course when they are overtaken by torrential rain and pursued by escaped convicts.

With a new book appearing each month, it is hardly surprising that Pascal cannot always remember what is due to pop up where. "Besides which," she says, "I don't write them." Instead, she produces a 15-page outline, which is farmed out to a team of writers. It is a complicated business that might shock any purists attending Children's Book Week, launched by Pascal at the Welsh Literature Centre in Swansea last week.

She was modestly "honoured" to be asked and one can only conclude that the world of children's books, which once banned Enid Blyton from schools and libraries, can no longer afford to be sniffy. Nowadays, anything which encourages children to go on reading after the age of 13 is outwardly welcomed. But the emphasis on an acceptable image, as portrayed by the fashion-conscious Wakefield twins, has caused some to wonder if teen tales such as these are really holding up a mirror to teenage anxiety.

Pascal has another theory: "Using one as the bad twin and the other as a good one is a device which reflects the Jekyll and Hyde in everyone," she says.

In fact, Pascal's considerable talents can be seen to better advantage in the books she actually does write. More demanding teenagers will find the *Victoria Martin* trilogy (Bantam, £2.99) a satisfying cut above *Sweet Valley* cheesecake.

MAUREEN OWEN

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One more time for the sisters

Nicolette Jones on the relaunch of Virago's Modern Classics series

The women's publishing house Virago has recently been in a much-publicised state of crisis. Last year, tough times forced redundancies. The company moved, after an embarrassingly short time, back under the umbrella of former parent company Random House. The founding mother, Carmen Callil, resigned as chairman in February.

Last month, Harriett Spicer, managing director and the last of the company's founders, left, to be followed shortly by the editorial director, Lennie Goodings. But Goodings and Spicer have given Virago a parting gift, in the form of a publishing initiative they helped to orchestrate: the relaunch of the Virago Modern Classics that once made the company great. A lot depends on the success of this venture.

The series was launched in a mood of defiance and celebration in 1978, reprinting novels by women as part of Virago's philosophy of focusing on the lives, history and literature of women to provide "some balance to the dominant views of human experience", as Callil put it. They were fortunate in the climate of the time. They rode a wave of enthusiasm for reinstating women in their rightful place in literary history — or "herstory".

Choices for the classics were partly inspired by Elaine Showalter's *A Literature of their Own*, which sought to identify a female tradition in novel writing. Such writers as Antonia White, Willa Cather and Rosamond Lehmann achieved a resurrected popularity. Hordes of women, and a good number of men, responded to the recommendation represented by the books' dark-green jackets and bitten-apple motif and they became a trendy accessory. And they were fun to read.

In their heyday, these paperbacks constituted 20 per cent of Virago's output. The company has never, in fact, ceased to publish its modern classics, and, since 1978, 400 of them have appeared. Not all of them were a success and far from all will be relaunched. Callil went on to describe some as having an air of "faded chenille knicker elastic". The list that was once the jewel in Virago's crown came to be perceived by detractors as a liability.

The current relaunch therefore has a whole new mood. It amounts to a rejacketing and a repromotion, along with a redefinition of the work to be included. Spicer describes the relaunch as involving "much more self-conscious hoohah" than last time, when the Modern Classics were speedily published, with simple covers, as an expression of a passion. This time there has been careful redesigning and painstaking sales and marketing plans. Where once a cause could be counted on to move books from the shelves, now they are to be an alternative to other upmarket paperback fiction lists, as much about entertainment as about political correctness.

In fact, some of the books are far from radical. E. M. Hull's *The Sheik* is there because of the insight it offers into 19th-century sexuality. The attitudes in the reprints of dead authors are often dated but, says Spicer, "the better the writing, the less likely it is to be subject to the prejudices of the time". The irremediably passé is not selected.

A good deal is being made of modern equivalents in the promotion: Kathy Lette introduces Mae West; Kate Saunders, Rosie Thomas and Sally Beauman introduce popular fiction by lesser-known Victorians and Edwardians. Next year, Liza Cody, Sara Paretsky and Sarah Dunant will introduce Crime Classics by such authors as Gladys Mitchell and Celia Dale.

A few men have been included for some time, and the new list contains much that is relatively recently published but judged likely to last. Works by Booker-shortlisted Pat Barker, Jeanette Turner Hospital, Angela Carter and Margaret Atwood are among these. And there is no faded chenille about them.

Michael Binyon casts a fascinated eye over the centenary edition of *The Times Atlas of the World*

BILL SANDERSON — AFTER GILLRAY



Mapping out a history lesson

I always try, if possible, to land on the blue square in *Trivial Pursuit*: geography. I dropped the subject early at school. But two boyhood interests have given me an extraordinarily useful grounding in geography: collecting stamps and poring over maps.

The beauty of an atlas was that it was always changing. New countries kept appearing and disappearing: my school atlas still marked Palestine, the Gold Coast and Tanganyika. I was fascinated by a rather battered 1939 atlas — which must have had a short shelf-life — that showed Austria as part of Germany, Danzig as a free city and Czechoslovakia as the protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia.

The Times Atlas of the World is still the best, and the centenary edition, just published, is a startling revelation of how much the world has changed — politically, economically and in population growth — even in the past five years. Look at Europe: the old division of Germany has gone, and you can no longer find the Berlin Wall on the map of the unified city. But what a profusion of states in the east — all those former Soviet republics, marked with clear international borders, Czechoslovakia split in two, and Yugoslavia as the familiar Balkan patchwork from television news.

■ THE TIMES ATLAS OF THE WORLD
HarperCollins
centenary edition, £75
concise edition, £40

The Middle East is different, too: Jordan now stretches further down the Gulf of Aqaba; the West Bank is marked as a separate — though still rather indeterminate — entity; Sinai is no longer marked "under Israeli occupation"; and the two Yemens are merged.

Other political borders and claims are still a ticklish matter: Western Sahara is marked as a separate country, but the border with Morocco, which has occupied most of the former Spanish colony, is dotted. And Surinam is marked as claiming territory off both its neighbours, Guyana and French Guiana. The Ivory Coast now goes under its preferred name of Côte d'Ivoire; Burma is Myanmar; Peking is, of course, Beijing.

A sharp eye might also detect some other minute changes: the actual outline of countries is more accurate. For the new edition has gone beyond traditional cartographic methods, recreating from scratch its database and using digital data and computer technology.

The real fascination of today's maps is the comparison with the first ground-breaking *Times Atlas* of 100 years ago. How the world has changed. Empires have disappeared: the Ottoman, Austro-Hungarian, British and Russian empires are no more. A century ago Tibet was part of China, Finland and Poland part of Russia, and Iraq was a long strip of the Ottoman empire known as Mesopotamia.

In some areas, notably the Balkans, things have come full circle. The Yugoslav tragedy is fully explained just by studying old realities: there is Croatia, with Slavonia and Dalmatia marked separately, Bosnia is in roughly its present borders, Macedonia and Albania are provinces of Turkey and "Servia". And with remarkable foresight, the mapmakers included an ethnographic map of the Balkan peninsula that might have come straight from any of the Contact Group maps being argued over in New York.

Cities were far smaller: today's urban nightmares of São Paolo, Mexico City and Bangkok were charming, sleepy towns, and it would be 30 years before Rome reached the population it had at the height of the Roman Empire.

Political correctness was an unknown concept. One map showed the distribution of negroes throughout the world. Another showed where the Mohamedans lived and how India was largely populated by "Brahmans". Nor were the Victorians afraid to admit their ignorance: the Arctic and the Antarctic are simply undelineated white spaces.

Great Britain — with Ireland — rejoiced in its old counties. Indeed one, Rutland — now about to re-emerge — was used as the standard scale for some of the remoter islands marked in the Pacific. But what a network of rail routes covered the country. There was little point in marking roads in any country then, especially outside Europe, as they carried virtually no traffic. But the railways, and the projected railways in countries such as China, were of prime importance. On some maps you can still find the old Hejaz line to Medina, abandoned since T. E. Lawrence dynamited it in the First World War.

John Bartholomew was *The Times*'s cartographer, and he served the paper well. It was thanks to this great Edinburgh mapping firm that much of what we take for granted on maps today came into being: the range of greens, browns and purples to give precise rendering of height, for example, and the colouring of the British empire red. Bartholomew's achievements were such that Sir John Murray, the oceanographer, named the 25,000ft trench off Antofagasta, Chile, the "Bartholomew Deep". The name is still in the latest *Times Atlas*.

A hundred years of mapmaking have certainly influenced the way *The Times* itself looks at the world. More than most papers, *The Times* insists on a detailed map to elucidate political developments. Wherever possible, it insists that references and names in correspondents' dispatches match those in the *Times Atlas*. The latest edition has run ahead of us a little: the paper still refers to Belorussia, whereas the new edition of the atlas has taken the political plunge and recognised the new, independent country of Belarus under its preferred name.

Studying an atlas is an education in far more than just economic and political geography. There are guides to every country in the world in the new edition, with flags, population tables, currencies, languages, capitals and religions.

There are charts of the night skies and satellite views of the globe. There are sections on vegetation, climate and earthquake and volcano frequency. All of these will help you to win at *Trivial Pursuit*. But best of all, there are good, clear maps. Nothing can be more fascinating than those.

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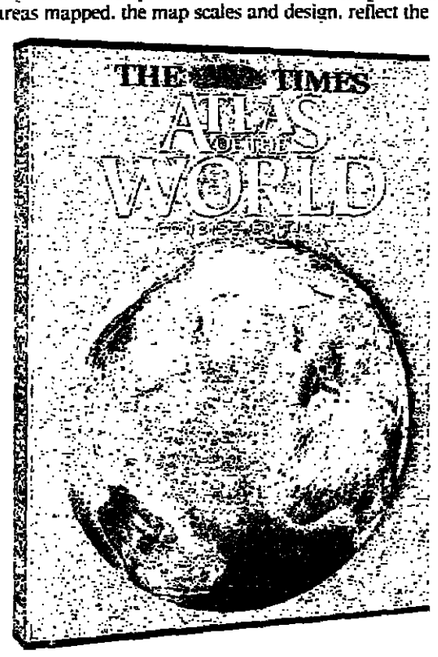
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Well-worn path of heat and lust

■ PASSION FRUIT
By Sue Limb
Heinemann, £9.99

THERE is a much-used plot in which an ingenuous young woman leaves England for some outpost of empire to meet the parents she hardly knows. On the voyage out, she is faced with an example of man's inhumanity, which half prepares her for the horrors to come. Arriving at her destination in a welter of shock and excitement, she finds both a suitor and a man to love. After various tribulations (usually including war) and illicit love-making (often resulting in pregnancy), she achieves happiness.

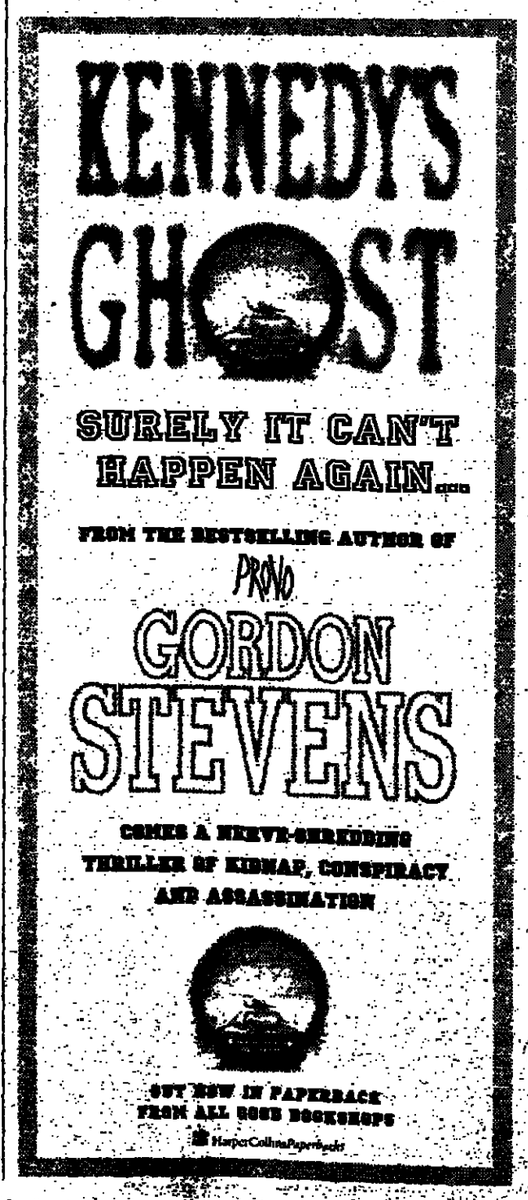
Sue Limb's version has Sophie Wetherby going out to her father's sugar plantation on Sabato in the West Indies. Her suitor is Charles Craig, a neighbouring planter; her lover, Julius, one of her father's slaves: the war, an uprising of the mistreated slaves.

Passion Fruit, which romps along at a brisk pace, has more explicit sex than most of its predecessors. Before Craig can be saved by love, he rapes his female slaves whenever he feels like it and resorts to surreptitious masturbation during dinner with Sophie and her brother, so inflamed is he by the thought of "the moist weight of her breasts".

It is hard to tell how seriously the author takes all this. Her account of Sophie's discovery of the cruelties of slavery burns with sincerity, but neither the emotions she bestows on her characters nor the actions they provoke carry as much conviction. Once Craig has been shown the error of his ways by Sophie's disgust, he ceases to violate his slaves. Instead he has himself whipped until he has achieved redemption. Then, weaving a crown of white flowers for Sophie, he proposes to her although he knows that she is pregnant by Julius. Having discovered true love, Sophie cannot accept the offered escape from her predicament and in due course is rewarded with a life of bliss.

With sex, slavery, romance, and coming of age, this novel has something for everyone but perhaps not quite enough for anyone.

KATE HATFIELD



Bought for £70,000 — as seen

Michael Tree settled in for a long restoration, until he found out about possible grants

PAUL SANDERS



A retreat from London life: Trevor Hall, which cost Michael Tree £70,000 but has since eaten up more than £250,000 in grants

When Michael Tree first set eyes on Trevor Hall, it had no roof, the first and second floors had all but collapsed, there was a 4ft-deep midden in the kitchen and cows roamed among abandoned tractor tyres in the large hall. He knew at once it had to be his.

Mr Tree had been seeking a retreat from London life for some time. At first he had concentrated on properties in South Wales, where he had spent his childhood. When he found nothing there to suit his taste and pocket, he turned his attention to the north. Trevor Hall, in the Vale of Llangollen, was the smallest of three houses on the market. Even though it has 30 rooms, it is only one-room deep.

"I felt I could make more of it," he says. Negotiations were protracted by the vendor's reluctance to sell more than the smallest amount of surrounding land. "A house without a garden is of no use," says Mr Tree, who eventually bought the Grade I listed building, and five acres, in the autumn of 1987. The price was £70,000 "That was a lot of money," he says, "given that so much needed to be spent on it."

Restoration has progressed over the past eight years faster than its new owner might have expected, largely thanks to the Historic Buildings Council of Wales and Cadw (Welsh Historic Monuments). It was not until six months after he had taken possession of the Hall that Mr Tree learnt of the substantial grants that may be available to the owners of listed buildings.

That discovery altered his do-it-yourself approach to the restoration work. He says: "It meant that I could get a builder and have the house done more or less all at one go as opposed to trying to do one room at a time for the rest of my life." He feels it right, however, that Cadw, the guardians of historic buildings in Wales, does not inform prospective buyers of such assistance.

The availability of grants for structural work (excluding electrical wiring, plumbing and heating) would, he believes, be reflected in the sale price. "In effect, the grant would go into the vendor's pocket."

Mr Tree received more than £250,000 in grants. As well as contributing cash, Cadw gave a fund of advice and support. Mr Tree says: "People from Cadw came here on numerous occasions and had a fundamental influence on the way work was done." Not that the 49-year-old is without personal experience of restoration. As a chartered surveyor working in London, he has a wealth of expertise.

He traces his interest in old buildings to childhood memories of seeing so many great Welsh houses dynamited or abandoned. "Sometimes," he says, "the owners walked away without even taking their clothes."

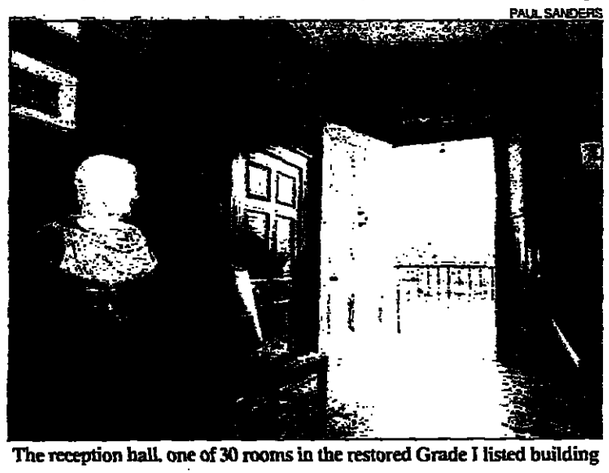
Traditionally, large houses in the Principality came with very little land and were often heavily mortgaged. "The houses represented a problem that would not go away, so the owners went away from the problem." Of course, they took the family silver and paintings, which could readily be sold, but large pieces of furniture such as dining tables and wardrobes were left.

One previous occupant of Trevor Hall had allowed the place to revert to the landowners, the Coed Helen Estate, beneficiaries of the Trevor inheritance, and another bought it only to fell neighbouring trees and seek the building's demolition. In 1961 a preservation order was served on Trevor Hall, but less than two years later it was ravaged by fire.

A stone tablet dated 1842 and recording the names of earlier owners bears the motto *Dum spiro spero* (Where there's breath there's hope). "I must say, I found that inspiring when the place was looking so awful," says Mr Tree. He moved into a small ground-floor room the moment its broken windows were boarded up.

"I had to keep going then for my own comfort," he says, remembering his first 12 months at the Hall, when every drop of water had to be carried from a neighbouring farm. "It would have been easy to live in a caravan and get too comfortable, then not finish the house."

PAUL SANDERS



The reception hall, one of 30 rooms in the restored Grade I listed building

Viewed from the hill opposite the Hall, the building resembles a typical Georgian mansion but, as Mr Tree points out, its red-brick façade is only skin-deep. Its original structure dates from the early 1600s. The façade was added around 1740, and the drawing room is Regency because of alterations made around 1810. The Victorians grafted on a back staircase. "People have been living in a house on this site for probably a thousand years," says Mr Tree, whose attitude to restoration has been relaxed. "Because a house like this will have evolved over a period of time, you have to treat each room separately — on its own merits. It would be a mistake to try to stamp one's own character on it."

His basic principle was the maximum retention of historic fabric. "If you follow that through at all times, you will not do too much damage." About 40 people, from architects to labourers, were involved in the complex operation.

When asked how he ever found the confidence to embark on the task, Mr Tree's reply is typically modest: "I must possess the best pair of rose-tinted glasses in the locality." Local craftspeople were more than equal to his demands.

Last year the proud master of Trevor Hall began offering B&B, organised by his housekeeper, Sue Rollings. Regulations decree that he can have six heads on beds without becoming subject to health and safety regulations. Photographs reveal to guests how their bedooms looked eight years ago. Mr Tree's new enterprise means that now, when he completes the three-hour rail and road journey from London on a Friday evening, he does not have his home to himself. But the income helps with continuing projects, such as repairing garden walls and planting beech hedges.

In any event, he does not see himself as the Hall's exclusive owner. "Houses like this," he says, "do not belong to any one person. They are lent to us for a time." Thanks to Michael Tree, future generations may share in his enjoyment.

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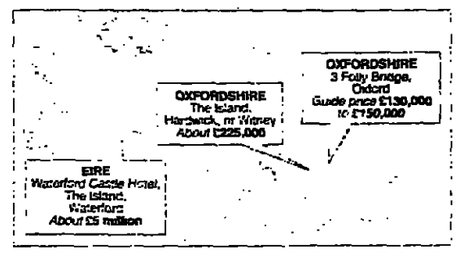
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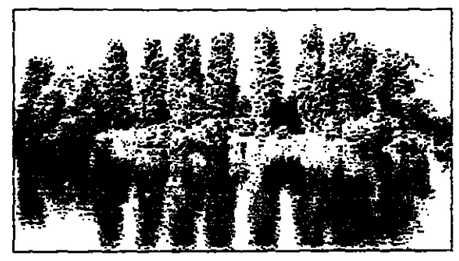


FOR SALE

Island houses

Oxfordshire: 3 Folly Bridge, Oxford. Semi-detached 19th-century house on island; garden frontage to Thames. Three bedrooms, two bathrooms, sitting room, dining room, breakfast room. Auction at Oxford Town Hall, October 18, 6.30pm. Guide price: £130,000 to £150,000 (Adkin, 01865 727276).





Oxfordshire: The Island, Hardwick, near Witney. Two private islands in the middle of a lake, one with a detached house, ornamental and wildflower gardens and a landing pier, the other smaller and wooded. House with four bedrooms, one with en suite bath, living room, dining room, morning room, kitchen, laundry and utility room. Boiler house and workshop. About £225,000 (Adkin, 01993 703408).



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The unreal feeling is confirmed by the sight of mistletoe, a plant endowed with many magical properties, growing on a tree in the garden of Laurel Cottage — the first royal property to become available for public rental as the Treasury presses the Crown for efficiency savings. The Royal Household, which has taken over estates management at the royal palaces from the Management Services Agency, handles the cottage, but profits from lettings will go to the Treasury.

More properties at Kensington Palace, at Hampton Court and in Bushey Park are expected to become available soon.

The cottage at Hampton Court was occupied by a royal groom so it is not strictly a grace-and-favour dwelling. Good subjects used to be granted tenure of royal properties because of their inherent worthiness not because of employment by the palace.

Nevertheless, Laurel Cottage has the special aura of a royal possession. Dreamers whose imagination is fired by the idea of life on the edge of a Royal Park will soon be brought back to earth by the rental being asked for the unfurnished property — £400 a week, higher than other rental prices in the area.



Laurel Cottage in the foreground, the first royal property to become available for public rental

David Maclean Watt, the director of Clutton's London Residential Agency, which is letting the property, says the agency did not want to use the royal connection to seek a premium rent. He explains: "We priced it by comparing it with two-bedroom riverside properties in the area."

Laurel Cottage will also appeal because of the colour schemes, materials and fittings. It is fascinating to see the royal taste translated into the everyday dimensions of two bedrooms and the living room, which has a cast-iron late Victorian fireplace and marbled beige wallpaper set off by a brick-coloured frieze beneath the picture rail. The matching curtains — in an abstract foliage design — suggest comfort.

The main bedroom, which, like the living room, overlooks the park, where roe deer wander freely, has curtains with a design of fruit and flowers in autumnal greens and browns and a yellow ragroll-effect wallpaper. The cottage has sage-green carpets throughout.

The bathroom has a shower — essential nowadays, says Cluttons — and all the kitchen appliances are hidden behind oak panels. The effect will please a country person who needs to live close to London.

The next royal property to become available is a three-bedroom house at the Old Barracks, Palace Green, Kensington. This is a rather grand Georgian stable with monogrammed lead drainpipes, storage for hay and accommodation for cavalrymen. Access is by the private road that leads to the rear entrance of Kensington Palace. Occupants of the property can see royal personages coming and going.

The house at the Old Barracks, which is being completely refurbished and will have three bedrooms with en suite bathrooms, will be ready in November. It also has large public rooms and an extension at the back leading to a small patio. Cluttons expects it to fetch up to £1,000 a week. But since it is adjacent to the Israeli embassy and has a privileged view of the palace, it is unlikely to be let on the open market and will probably have to be offered first to the embassies on Palace Green and Kensington Palace Road.

Other royal properties, including four former grace-and-favour dwellings, will become available as faithful retainers die or other accommodation is found for them. Two flats within the security perimeter at Hampton Court have three bedrooms and magnificent reception rooms. They are much more difficult to modernise — English Heritage must be consulted — and are not easy to let because of security considerations.

Mr Maclean Watt says: "The profile of the tenant will have to be closely analysed. These properties have a status: one does not want tenants to use that to inflate themselves."

OLIVER GILLIE

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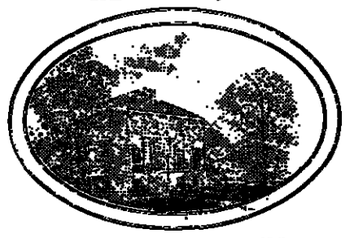
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If you dream of running a post office in the country, be sure to do your homework beforehand, says **Cheryl Taylor**

Put your stamp on a village

There is growing demand from prosperous "townies" who are tired of urban life and want to move to an unspoilt rural location to set up home and shop. The idea of owning a village post office and general store has definite appeal, especially for those fed up with the daily commute on overcrowded trains.

Village post offices and stores are becoming highly sought-after, particularly in the Home Counties, the Cotswolds and parts of rural Somerset, Devon and Dorset, despite the long hours.

According to Peter Millard, senior negotiator for Christie & Co., a specialist business agent, there has been a threefold increase in demand for rural post offices over the past 18 months. "Newcomers are typically in their forties or fifties, taking early retirement or redundancy from middle-management careeers. They do their homework and are far more hard-headed about setting up a business than used to be the case," Mr Millard says.

Liam Bunclark, head of the commercial department of Miller & Son, a west country estate agent, also reports a high level of activity: "Now that counter services have been excluded from any Royal Mail privatisation, confidence has returned to this sector of the market," he says.

The advantage of running a sub-post office is that hours are reasonable: usually a five and a half day week, even if the shop needs to stay open longer. It also carries a remuneration package from the Post Office, which varies, depending on the level of counter transactions, and is reviewed every year. A busy sub-post office in a village, for example, might attract a payment from the Post Office of £26,000, although the average is probably around £8,000.

There are disadvantages, however. To a certain extent, you are chained to the job; some sub-postmasters are not even allowed to close for lunch. The Post Office allows the owner a three or four-week annual holiday, but it is up to him or her to find an experienced person to run the business in their absence. Any mistakes or losses must be made good by the owner.

Security is important, particularly with village post offices and stores carrying large amounts of cash. The owner is responsible for the installation and maintenance of security for the building. Generally, the Post Office will install and maintain such systems for their area of the property, and it also has to approve any prospective new owner.

A basic village post office might also sell newspapers, cards and stationery. At the other end of the scale, you can have a post office with a convenience store and an off-licence, trying to attract customers 18 hours a day, seven days a week. Some are also lottery outlets, for which they receive 4 per cent of the price of lottery tickets and scratch cards they sell.

Mark Sheeham, head of Christie & Co's Retail Agency Division, advises prospective post office and general store proprietors to look for a business which will suit their way of life.

He says: "You can make a good income if you are prepared to work long hours, in which case you should go for a high-turnover convenience store. If you want quality of life, opt for a sub-post office with shorter hours and a small range of goods.

The range of provisions offered by many general stores in rural areas has improved in recent years. Most shops carry fresh local produce, including free-range eggs, vegetables and meat, and many offer delicatessen lines, with a wide selection of cheeses and gourmet items, as well as a range of wines.

For most village stores, however, the quality of service will be the key to success. "Village stores are not looking to compete with the big supermarkets. They offer a friendly face on the other side of the counter and a helpful service," Mr Sheeham says.

Prospective buyers can usually borrow about 75 per cent of the purchase price or valuation of the business on a freehold post office and shop. You will also need additional money to pay for stock. In the case of sub-post offices, there is an initial administration charge of 25 per cent of annual Post Office income charged by Post Office Counters.

Although you can pick up a freehold bungalow with a small shop and post office kiosk attached for as little as £51,500 in Suffolk, must cost a lot more. A larger property with a more profitable business in a popular location such as the Cotswolds or Dorset, will set you back between £150,000 and £250,000, excluding stock. Leasehold stores cost less, from £40,000 for a 15-year lease.

Location is vital. There must be enough people living near by who will use your shop year-round, in addition to any holiday trade. Visit the chosen area as often as you can, preferably during winter months, study the competition, and find out what potential there might be for improving the business. It also makes sense to work behind the counter in a village store to see if the lifestyle would suit you.

Robert Campany, corporate retail director of Christie & Co, advises would-be sub postmasters and shop proprietors to buy the best business you can afford and compromise on the house. "A character cottage with roses around the door may not necessarily produce sufficient profit."

- *Christie & Co. runs regular seminars aimed at people going into business for the first time, with speakers from Post Office Counters Ltd and the Sub-Postmasters Federation. These cost £150 a person for an all-day seminar with lunch (£250 for a couple). Information from Christie & Co. (0171-486 4231).*
- *Post Office Counters run free courses for new sub-postmasters. They provide training support on a one-to-one basis in the sub-post office for the first two weeks, with follow-up training to help with the accounts, plus help on new products and services, such as Bureau de Change.*





DAVID HOWELLS SWNS

Open all hours: Judy Farnsworth (above) and her husband Stephen run the village post office and store in Porton

CASE HISTORY

THE effort spent running a village post office and shop which is open all hours is illustrated in the case of Stephen Farnsworth and his wife Judy. They both enjoy country pursuits, but find living above the shop has its disadvantages. When Mr Farnsworth was made redundant from his job as development director of an international hotel company, he traded in his four-bedroom detached house in Purley, Surrey, for a village post office and general store in Porton, near Salisbury.

A year and a half later, he finds running his own business a lot harder than travelling the globe looking for hotel sites.

"We both love village life. Judy has joined the local ladies group and I've taken up bell-ringing. The problem is we always seem to be working," says Mr Farnsworth, who paid £193,000 for the property and business combined, and earns about £23,000 a year from the Post Office. The couple work a 12-hour day, opening the shop from 8am to 8pm, and the post office from 9am to 5.30pm, six days a week, with no break for lunch. They have recently extended the off-licence section to include a wider selection of wine, and now offer home-made sandwiches, which are proving popular.

"We are at the centre of the village, and a meeting place. We both enjoy chatting to regulars, but one thing is certain: we are not going to make a fortune running a village post office and store," he says.

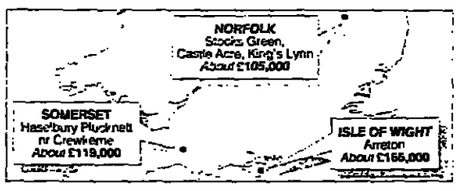
Family holidays are out of the question because the business must come first. Mr Farnsworth says: "It is impossible for us to go away on holiday together. Although we can get coverage for three weeks a year from the Post Office, we have to find a retired postmaster to look after the place, and pay the difference between what he charges and what the Post Office will pay."



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A listed village manor house with stabling and paddocks, the home of Desert Orchid. 5 beds, 2 baths, 2 recepts, dining hall, kit, b'fast rm, indoor swimming pool, tennis court, barn, garaging, garden. Just under 5.46 hectares (13.5 acres).
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CAMBS/LINCS BORDER
Near Wisbech
On the edge of the Fens, 27 miles from Peterborough (Kings Cross 47 mins), a fine period house with an attractive garden. 6 beds, 2 baths, shower rm, 3 recepts, conserv, kit/b'fast rm, garaging, former stabling, paddock. About 1.05 hectares (2.6 acres).
Price Guide: £269,000
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Smock horror: Star the carthorse and Paul Heiney

Smock man comes out of the closet

FARMER'S DIARY: PAUL HEINEY

I half expected to be greeted by an explosion of photo flashes, a heaving throng of people craning their necks. I had imagined it would be something like the scene which occurs whenever Liz Hurley gets a new frock. I thought at least *Vogue* might have sent a reporter down.

But it was not to be. As promised, I appeared at our local ploughing match wearing my newly made farmworker's smock, and hardly anybody took a blind bit of notice.

There was the odd jest: some greeted me with "good morning vicar", one asked if the smock came with a truss. There was even a rumour spreading around the showground that I was wearing nothing underneath, but even that aroused little interest.

The truth of the matter is that the people who come to ploughing matches have eyes only for horses and, quite frankly, it could be Dame Edna Everage herself on the handles of the plough and they would not notice. This is a healthy state of affairs, proving that competitive horse ploughing is the only equine sport left where the cult of personality has made no inroads whatsoever. I suppose that will all change the moment Jilly Cooper writes a blockbuster called *Furrow*.

It is interesting to stand at the end of a completed furrow (while the carthorses take a breath, and you wonder how your wavy lines can ever be made straight), and watch the way in which the horses are admired. In most cases, they are cooed over for the kindness of their eyes, blessed for being "such gentle giants", or spoken to as if they were beloved grandchildren who were working hard at school. It is easy to love a carthorse for its looks, but it is a pity to fail to spot the animal's real talent.

You should not be looking at eyes, ears, horse brasses or harness: you should be watching its feet as the horse moves down the furrow, carefully placing each step as precisely as a grandmaster moving a chess piece. The carthorse's talent for putting its foot in the right place at the right time is what sets it apart from other horses. You might look at a wispy, slimline, light horse in a dressage competition and marvel at the way it twists and turns and responds to the slightest commands from its rider. But ignore the bulk of the carthorse and watch its feet and you will see that, in its own hob-nailed way, it can perform tricks with its feet just as intricate.

Sometimes our horse Blue is good at walking in the furrow, then the thought crosses his mind that it might be fun to step out of it for a change. At such times he has to be driven, rather than allowed to wander his own way, until he remembers his place. But his lapses are rare and it is widely believed that a good carthorse needs no driving, for once shown its task it will then know what it has to do.

I am pleased to be able to tell you that our new young horse, Taffy, is now at the settled stage where he has left school, got through his teenager-type phase, and is beginning to learn his trade. He is just four, and with another year's experience he will be a first-class worker. Taffy drew quite a crowd of admirers at the ploughing match, not only because he has such a benevolent face that most people find him irresistible, but because he is something of a star in his own right.

This is why, a couple of years ago, the thought occurred to me that although the effective use of carthorses is a skilled business, the real credit never goes to the person who deserves it most: the one who broke the horse to harness in the first place. It is one thing to school a horse that is already broken, another to take a raw horse off the field and accustom it to obeying commands, wearing a collar round its neck and a bit between its teeth. It is not a job for the faint of heart, or the indecisive. It is a real man's job, or, in the case of Taffy, a real woman's job.

Taffy was broken by the legendary Cheryl Clark of Suffolk. She has the sort of commanding personality which anything with the slightest brain in its head would be foolish to ignore. She takes horses that have put the fear of God into others and makes them compliant. She can also put the fear of God into me.

So, for the months she spent breaking Taffy to harness, she was followed by a camera. The video is now out. It answers every question you could ask about the schooling and keeping of a carthorse; it makes clear the patience and devotion that is needed before a young horse can be handed safely over to someone like me. If you get hold of a copy of the video, do watch dear Taffy growing up, and watch his feet and see how he learns to use them. Always assuming you can keep your eyes off the formidable Mrs Clark.

● *The video* First Steps in the Furrow *is available from Farming Press, Wharfedale Road, Ipswich IP1 4LG (01473 241122). price £14.95, p&p £2.*

Surrounded by urban sprawl, a traditional apple orchard flourishes in the heart of a London borough

At the traffic lights, branch left for Eden

"There is no kind of fruit better known in England than the apple, or more generally cultivated. It is that use, that I hold it almost impossible for the English to live without it, whether it be employed for that excellent drink we call cider, or for the many dainties, which are made of it in the kitchen. In short, were all other fruits wanting us, apples would make amends."

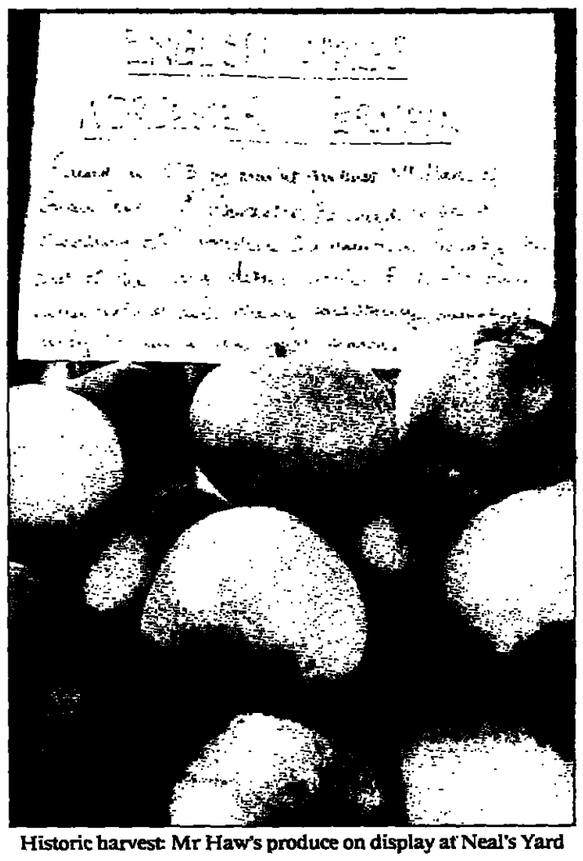
So wrote the horticulturist Richard Bradley in 1718, nearly 1,300 years after the first apple arrived in Britain, brought by the Roman general Ezio in AD 450. Despite its exotic origins in China's Heavenly Mountains, the apple has come to be seen as quintessentially British. It flourished in the gardens of the Tudors and Stuarts, and the Victorians had a passion for it.

But now, we hear, the apple is in decline. The market is flooded with pappy Continental produce. The European Union is paying British farmers to destroy their orchards. Only last week came the claim that bananas have taken over as Britain's most popular fruit. There is a whiff of conspiracy about. And yet as Apple Day — Saturday, October 21 — approaches, the traditional apple is flourishing, and is being grown with as much care as ever.

That is certainly true in Brian Haw's case. Mr Haw has applied the dedication and precision that saw him through 30 years in the Army to the raising of a remarkable orchard in Woolwich, south-east London — a place better known for arsenals and artillery. Jigsawed by relief roads, Woolwich seems an unlikely place for a verdant grove. But Mr Haw has made a little Eden on one and a half acres, where he raises more than 40 different varieties of apple — as well as pears, plums and blueberries — screened from exhaust fumes by a solid row of spreading plane trees. Only the distant roar of traffic hurtling up Shooter's Hill reminds visitors that they are not in the deepest countryside.

It was a fascination with dwarf root stocks that first brought Mr Haw into the apple trade in 1985. His orchard now supplies Neal's Yard Dairy in Covent Garden, central London, with seasonal apples of all kinds, and provides the material for chutneys and preserves sold at horticultural fairs throughout Britain. Neal's Yard also purveys his fruit cheeses — a preserve made not with milk but with twice the fruit and half the sugar of jam.

"People want real fruit off real trees," he says. "They are perfectly happy to accept imperfections as long as it tastes wonderful." Larger, commercial growers, breeding for visual perfection, might disagree, but Mr Haw sold nearly two tonnes of apples last year, despite his higher prices.



Historic harvest: Mr Haw's produce on display at Neal's Yard

During my visit I filled my pockets with Laxton Superb, Reverend Wilkes, Jupiter, Jester, Doctor Kidd's Orange Red, Blenheim Orange. All Mr Haw's apples are "true", or pure-bred: grown from buds grafted on to specially bred root stocks. These stocks are a virus-free strain of tree used as a "base" to take any variety of apple the gardener wants grafted on to it.

"If you were to take the seeds out of a load of apples and plant them," Mr Haw says, "you wouldn't get the apple you planted. You'd get a cross of that apple and whatever pollinated it. Only the apple that comes off the graft is true. Of course, there are people who plant seeds in the hope that ultimately they will produce some wonderful apple: what they want is a miracle of nature. And sometimes that's what you get."

While the British Independent Fruit Growers' Association admits that more than 2,000 hectares (about 5,000 acres) of orchard have been lost to EU payouts over the last four years, all were young, commercial orchards. Traditional orchards — usually defined as widely spaced standard fruit trees of old and often scarce varieties — are increasingly protected.

Since 1991, 219 such orchards have been preserved through the Countryside Commission's Countryside Stewardship programme. This gives grants to owners of orchards who agree to maintain them, and has been so successful that it is being taken over by MAFF's Historic Landscapes programme.

The Brogdale Horticultural Trust, at Faversham, Kent, is only a few miles from the site of England's first great fruit collection, established in 1533 by Richard Harris, fruiterer to Henry VIII. Brogdale holds the National Fruit Collection, with more than 2,000 varieties of apple. Aside from its three-day celebration of Apple Day, when Mr Haw will be showing his produce, it holds regular "bud while you wait" and "graft while you wait" days when, for a small fee, traditional varieties will be grafted on to a root stock of your choice.

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Precision pruner: Brian Haw in his orchard, where he grows more than 40 varieties of apple

Apple Day, intended to be "a countrywide celebration of the diversity of fruit and orchards", was the idea of the conservation charity Common Ground; the first such day was held in 1990. Sue Clifford, the chief executive of the organisation, believes that the secret of the apple's survival is knowledge.

"As soon as people can taste more varieties, they respond to them and want them. Orchards are part of a region's culture and heritage, and must be preserved," she says.

To stroll through Mr Haw's trees and taste their bounty is to know that Richard Bradley was right: a fine apple will make amends for almost anything.

ERICA WAGNER

● *Brian Haw, Academy Fruit, 33 Capstan Square, London E14 (0171-515 5487). National Fruit Collection, Brogdale Horticultural Trust, Brogdale Road, Faversham, Kent ME13 8XZ (01795 535286/535462). Neal's Yard Dairy, 17 Shorts Gardens, London WC2H 9AT (0171-379 7646). For grant inquiries: Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Whitehall Place, London SW1A 2HH (01645 335577).*

Feather Report

That's it in a nutshell

THE FIRST beechnuts are falling, and it looks as if it is going to be a good harvest. The hard, hairy nutshells split open to reveal a pair of triangular seeds, which all too often are like little withered commas, with nothing inside except dark brown fur. But this year I have already found many with sweet, plump white flesh under the brown rind.

If it does prove to be a good year for beech mast, it may also be a good one for bramblings. These are finches from Scandinavia and Finland that mostly eat beechnuts in winter. They are often found with chaffinches, to which they are closely related. They are the only two species of British finch that can run or walk on the ground — the others hop.

At first glance, bramblings might be mistaken for chaffinches, but they are more orange than pink on the breast, and also have orange



Nut-eating brambling

shoulders and a darker head. When they fly up they are easily distinguished by their conspicuous white rump.

Bramblings are among the most opportunistic of migrants, having no regular winter quarters but going each year where the beech mast is most abundant. Some years they are quite common in Britain.

The most astonishing winter that has been recorded in their history was 1946-47. That year there was a great beech harvest in Switzerland, and vast flocks of them descended on the country. There may have been as many as 100 million — practically the whole breeding population of northern Europe.

In Britain, most winters, I feel lucky to get a glimpse of a single one! But this year holds out the promise of better things.

DERWENT MAY

● **What's about:** *Birders — Watch out for redwings migrating. Twitchers — yellow warblers at Brownstone Head, Co Waterford; upland sandpiper at St Mary's, and northern parula at St Agnes, both on the Isles of Scilly. Details from Birdline (0891 700222. Calls cost 40p a minute cheap rate, 50p at all other times.*

EVENTS FOR APPLE DAY

ALL Apple Day events listed are on October 21, unless stated. For more information about what is happening in your area, or on how to organise your own Apple Day event, send a stamped, addressed envelope to Jane Kendall, Common Ground, Seven Dials Warehouse, 44 Earlham Street, London WC2H 9LA.

AVON
Parade Gardens, Bath, 11am-4pm: apple identification, Gardeners' Question Time with Peter Thoday, displays, children's activities and games, apple food and drink, tree giveaway.
Contact: Pat Tutt, Bath City Council, 01225 477653.

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE
Home Cottage Farm, Iver, near Slough. Tours of orchards, sales of apples, displays, games plus many more activities have been organised by local people and Colne Valley Groundwork.
Contact: Claire Thirlwall, 01895 833662.

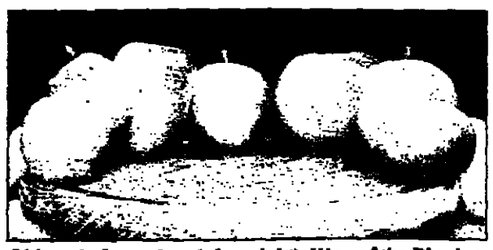
CHESHIRE
Norton Priory Walled Garden, Runcorn, 2pm. Celebration of apples, plus activities and traditional games.
Contact: Paul Quigley, 01928 569895.

CORNWALL (Tamar)
Countryman Cider, Milton Abbot, 10.30am-12.30pm and 2-4pm. Tamar cider event, a look at apples and their part in landscape, wildlife and local history. Chance to see cider production.
Contact: Tamar Valley Countryside Service, 01579 70038.

CUMBRIA
Acorn Bank Garden, National Trust, Penrith, 1-5pm. Advice and information on northern apple varieties, identification, tree pruning and grafting demonstrations, games and refreshments made from apples.
Contact: Chris Braithwaite, 01768 361893

DEVON
Joint Staverton and Landscove event at Woolston Green, Landscove, near Totnes, 10.30am-5pm. Apple café, produce stalls, cider bar, wassailing, apple games, pruning and planting demonstrations, sale of apples and trees storytelling. The event ends with a concert in Staverton church. Train and coach trips to Apple Day from Totnes and Buckfastleigh.
Contact: Trudy Turrell, South Hams Environment Service, 01803 861234.

ESSEX
Broadfields Farm, Upminster. Noon-4pm. Find out about the old apples of Essex. Nearly 200 trees will be planted later in the year at the farm, all Essex varieties. Cider, apple pies and tastings.
Contact: John Meehan, Thames Chase Community Forest, 01708 641880.



Old apple favourites (left to right): King of the Pippins, Lady's Finger of Offaly, Rose of St Florian, Linda, Ohio Nonpareil, Worcester Permain and Taunton Cross

HAMPSHIRE
Hill Farm Orchards, Swanmore, Sunday, October 22, 10am-5pm. Display of 38 varieties of apple grown at the farm, tastings, juice-making, pest and disease workshop, cookery demonstration with six top chefs, sales of apples, trees, apple games, and pruning displays.
Contact: Paul Roberts, 01489 878616.

KENT
Meet at Chapter Arms, Chartham Hatch, near Canterbury, 2pm. Guided walk through the orchard and chance to learn about the wildlife that inhabits it.
Contact: Jon Shelton, 01233 813307.

LINCOLNSHIRE
Woolsthorpe Manor, Woolsthorpe-by-Colsterworth, near Grantham, 11am-5.30pm. Birthplace of Sir Isaac Newton and the famous apple tree. Food, apple games, grafting techniques and sales.
Contact: Marian Cullen, 01476 860338.

LONDON
The Butler's Wharf Chop House, Apple Day menu.
Contact: William Black, 01527 260390 (bookings, 0171-403 3403).

OXFORDSHIRE
Sulgrave Manor, near Banbury, October 21-22, 10am-5.30pm. Display of apples and tasting, identification, pruning and grafting, cider stall, cookery with Sophie Grigson.
Contact: Maureen Jeffrey 01295 760205.

SOMERSET
Over Stratton, South Petherton, 12.30pm onwards. William Waldegrave MP will be guest of honour at the launch of "Somerset five-year-old" cider brandy.
Contact: Julian Temperley 01460 40782.

SCOTLAND
Tweed Horizons, Newtown St Boswells, Roxburghshire, 10am-4pm. Apple tasting, grafting, pruning and cookery.
Contact: Derek Mackenzie-Hook, 01835 822122.

NORTHERN IRELAND
The Ballance House, Glenavy, Co Antrim, 2-5pm. Tastings, cookery show, competitions and games.
Contact: Ms B.J. Logan, 01846 648492.

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With early posting dates for Christmas in mind, **Stephanie Lewis** chooses her mail-order charity cards



"Farmyard Animals". RSPCA. 5in square. Colourful and particularly appealing to the children. £3.20 for ten



"Angel Trio", featuring detail from a Carpaccio painting. Save the Children. Cut-out-style card, measuring 3¼ in high overall x 7in. £3.99 for ten

Greetings in a good cause

I know its only October, but you have already missed the last surface mail posting dates for cards to Burkina Faso, Guinea-Bissau, the Wallis Islands and, would you believe, Christmas Island. You will only make the date (October 23) for the Turks and Caicos Islands if you get your skates on. So, seriously, it's time to think about Christmas cards.

If you want to make the most of donating to a good cause in the process, the Institute of Charity Fundraising Managers says that charities get the best deal if you buy your cards direct from the charities, preferably from their mail-order catalogues.

I have examined many of this year's cards and chosen what I think are the best in terms of attractiveness and value for money. All cards featured can be overprinted with your address, unless otherwise stated.

If your taste is for the traditional, my suggestion would be the Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund's "Madonna and Child" (£2.75 for ten), an elegant old-master reproduction which is traditional without being stuffy. My runner up is Save the Children's "Angel Trio" by Carpaccio (£3.99 for ten) with the angels' heads projecting above the basic card area. Cherub lovers might consider the British Heart Foundation's "Two Cherubs" (£3.25 for ten).



"Dove of Peace" in blue and gold. The Royal British Legion. 5¾ in x 8¼ in. £2.70 for ten

In contemporary designs, the Terrence Higgins Trust's colourful and charming "Virgin and Child" (£3.50 for five, including mail-order p&p, but not overprinted) by Beryl Cook, is modern and Christmassy and will stand out on any mantelshelf. I also liked the bright and pretty "I Saw Three Ships" (£2.75 for ten) from the NSPCC.

Oxfam's mixed pack of woodcut-style cards in earthy colours, "Star of Wonder" (£2.29 for ten, no overprinting), is attractive yet non-denominational. Many Oxfam cards offer greetings in Welsh. (Why not Gaelic? There will be rumblings north of the border.) And if you like cards which reflect the charity they benefit, "Children's Christmas" (£2.40 for ten, no overprinting) from the joint Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital and Barnardos catalogue shows four child's-eye aspects of Christmas and is sweet without being schmaltzy.

Bird lovers could opt for the RSPB's Society of Wildlife Artists Award-winning winter scene, "A Gathering of Herons" (£2.95 for five) by David Binns, and animal lovers for the RSPCA's smart "Farmyard Animals" (£3.20 for ten).

I am not particularly keen on humorous Christmas cards, but was tempted by "Added Incentive" from Help the Aged (£2.75 for ten) — a classic Thelwell illustration for all pony-mad children.

Finally, there have been two important anniversaries this year which you may feel like commemorating this Christmas. To mark the 50th anniversary of the end of the Second World War, choose the Royal British Legion's "Dove of Peace", a striking card in blue and gold (£2.70 for ten), and from the British Red Cross, which has now brought succour to victims of war and natural disasters for 125 years, choose "St Paul's and Ludgate Hill" (£2.90 for five), the quintessential London-in-winter scene featuring an old-fashioned Red Cross ambulance.



"Virgin and Child", modernistic painting by Beryl Cook. The Terrence Higgins Trust. 7in x 5in. £3.50 for five



"Madonna and Child". Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund. 5¾ in square. £2.75 for ten



"Star of Wonder" scene. Oxfam. 4½ in x 6½ in. £2.29 for pack of ten

BUYING CARDS FROM A CHARITY

MOST charities can overprint your name and address on their Christmas and New Year greetings cards. Overprinting prices given are for 50 to 100 cards. Some charities will overprint fewer than 50 cards (see individual order forms for details). Overprinting details are not always included in catalogues but may be available on request. If you are in a hurry, mention overprinting when ordering your catalogue and ask them to send details to you.

British Heart Foundation
Overprinting £28.50, P&P £3.25 on all orders. Last order date Dec 4. Call 01793 433500 for a catalogue.

The British Red Cross
Overprinting £23.50, P&P £3.25 on orders up to £70, then free. Last order date Dec 4. Catalogue, 01283 506109.

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Overprinting £28.50, add a personal message of up to 15 words at no extra cost. P&P £3.25 on orders under £50, then free. Last order dates: Dec 4 for overprinted, Dec 11 for non-overprinted orders. Catalogue, 0171-351 7811.

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Overprinting price includes cost of cards and envelopes and is from £82.90, depending on price-band of chosen card. Three greeting options plus personal greeting for an extra £16.20p. P&P £1.95 on orders under £10. Last order dates: Nov 14 for overprinted cards, Dec 10 for non-overprinted cards. Catalogue, 0181-807 8074.

Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital/ Barnardos
P&P £2.59-£3.49 on orders up to £100, then free. Last order date Dec 1. Catalogue, 01268 288577.

NSPCC
Overprinting £23.50. P&P £3.35 on orders under £70, then free. Last order dates: Dec 4 for overprinted, Dec 14 for non-overprinted. Catalogue, 01283 506202.

Oxfam
P&P £2.95 on all orders. Allow 28 days for delivery. Express delivery is available for a further charge of £5. Catalogue, 01869 245011.

Royal British Legion
Overprinting £35, including P&P. Last order date Dec 8. Telephone Paula Woodcock on 01452 713236 for leaflet.

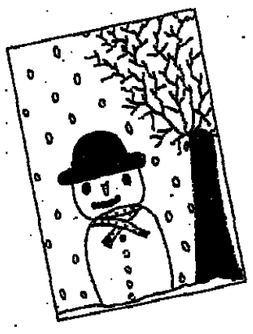
Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
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RSPCA
P&P £3.35 on orders under £70, then free. Last order date Dec 15. Catalogue, 01283 506 122.

Save the Children
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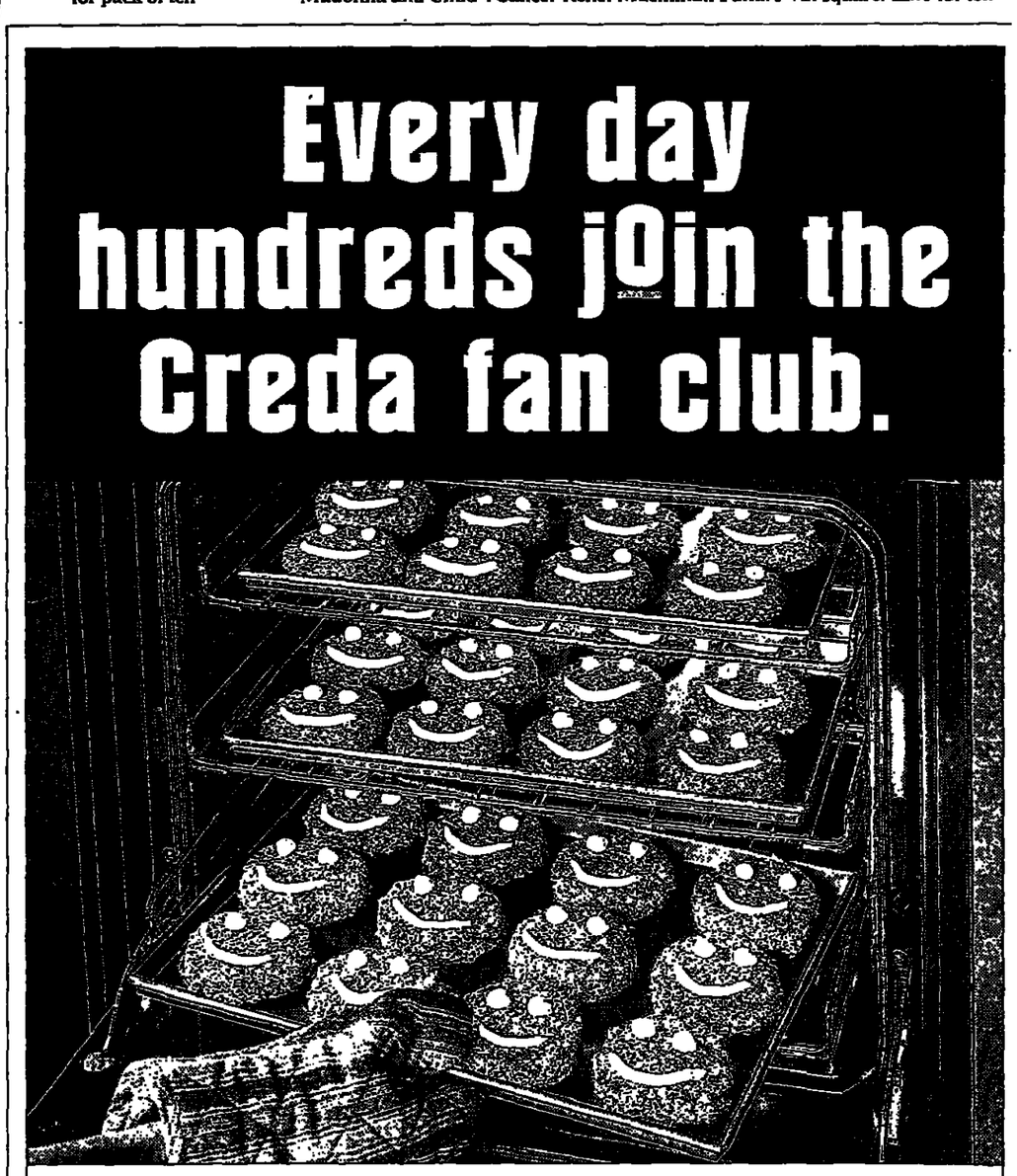
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Detail from "Children's Christmas". Great Ormond St/Barnardos 5½ in x 3¼ in. £2.40 for ten





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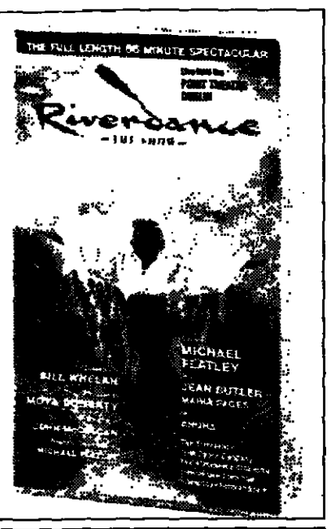
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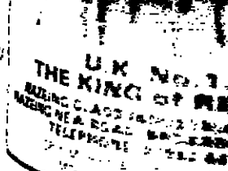
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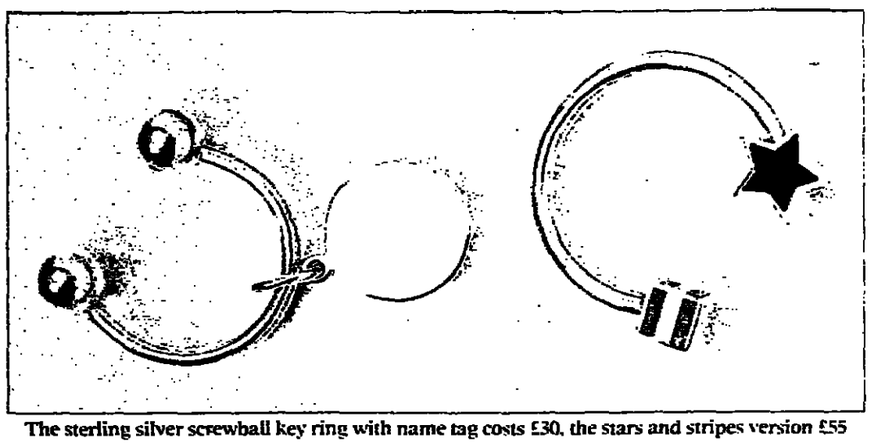
Founded by Charles Lewis Tiffany in New York in 1837 as a stationery supplier, the store moved rapidly into silverware and fine jewellery. In 1986, Tiffany & Co opened in London's Old Bond Street.

Everything on sale is exclusive to Tiffany and every purchase, no matter how small, is sold in a pale blue gift box embossed with the famous logo and finished with a white satin ribbon.

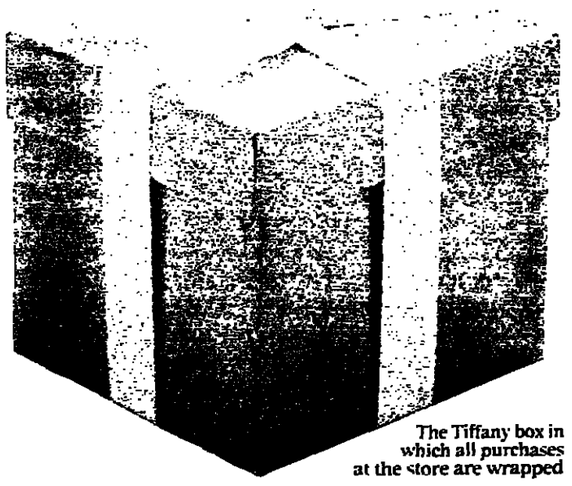
For bridge players, a double pack of playing cards costs £10, and a set complete with scoring pad, £15. Or how about the 1920s manual, *Tiffany Table Manners for Teenagers* (£10)?

Tiffany still sells stationery, from a small folder containing 20 envelopes and 20 blue notecards (£25) to a two-drawer desktop stationery chest (£50) filled with 100 per cent cotton paper, edged in blue, with tissue-lined envelopes. A Tiffany blue purse pen (£30) or the sterling silver ballpoint pen with the Tiffany logo on the clip (£50) would perhaps encourage the art of letter-writing. Or how about a sterling silver letter-opener (£55)?

Tiffany's sterling silver range is extensive, including bookmarks in various forms, from a treble clef (£25) to a watering can (£30), and a computer (£25). Silver dog tags are sold in Scottie, poodle, dachshund and labrador shapes (£30 each) and can be engraved (minimum charge, £12), as can anything else from the store. There are silver key rings to suit all tastes, from the simple Tiffany screwball key ring (£30), a bicycle (£60), an aircraft circling a globe (£50), a tennis racquet and ball (£80), a violin (£145), a working torch (£120) and a whistle (£90).



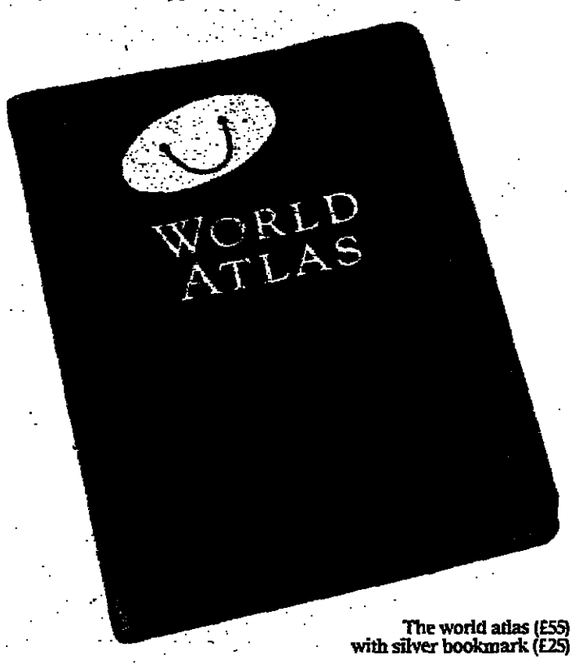
The sterling silver screwball key ring with name tag costs £30, the stars and stripes version £55



The Tiffany box in which all purchases at the store are wrapped

Christening presents include a *man in the moon silver rattle* (£70) and a silver teething ring (single £45; double £70, triple £105).

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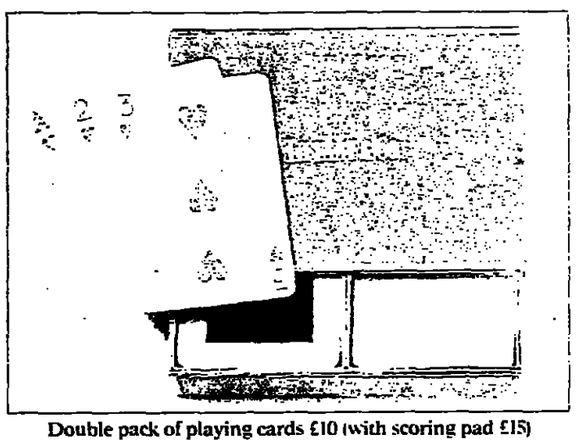
The world atlas (£55) with silver bookmark (£25)

Golfers can bedazzle their partners with a silver tee (£35) and put it in a holder, big enough for two, which clips to a belt (£40). Turf repairers are £35 and a ball-marker for the greens costs £25.

A suitcase-shaped silver luggage tag (£50) and a fold-up shoe horn in silver (£95) make ideal gifts for jet-set travellers.

Elsa Peretti has designed for Tiffany for 20 years, including affordable pieces such as the Tiffany silver coffee bean-shaped jewellery (pierced earrings £65, necklace available in four sizes £40-£90, ring £55), crystal heart-shaped dishes (small £30, large £40) in cobalt, black or clear crystal, or a heart-shaped paperweight at £25.

Other Tiffany crystal paperweights include a tennis ball or an apple, both £40, and a plain emerald-cut weight at £50. A neat, leather-bound desk atlas (£55) in navy, black or red includes maps of the world, national flags and statistical information.



Double pack of playing cards £10 (with scoring pad £15)

Paloma Picasso's designs include the Loving Heart jewellery range (earrings £55, necklace £45).

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KAREN KAY

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FRANCE: How to make the most of the clothes run to Paris; and the once-forgotten delights of Toulouse

Haute couture holiday

The voluminous chiffon and taffeta gown swept down over me with a great whoosh. It was dripping with dropped pearls, sequins and wispy bits of net: definitely not the normal gear of a devoted minimalist. But zipped up and observing the effect on my companions as I tripped out of the dressing room wearing the spiky little high heels supplied, my ego zoomed up a good few notches. For all its fussiness, once on, the creation from Loris Azzaro's *haute couture* house in the Rue du Faubourg Saint-Honoré definitely did something.

The quality of the material and the push-up/pull-in effect of most of the styles could not fail to flatter and soon even the most reticent of the party was picking out extravagant ensembles. The Tunisian-born designer's unabashed glamour look brings in Sophie Loren, Claudia Cardinale, Joan Collins and other celebrities who may be undeterred at seeing six noughts (in French francs, that is) on a price tag.

Further along the surprisingly narrow street, Hermès, Pierre Cardin, Christian Lacroix, Louis Feraud and Karl Lagerfeld vied for attention.

For customers with leaner wallets, the options for those on a clothes run to Paris are either the cheaper houses and department stores or the increasingly popular discount shops selling designer labels. Anna Love's establishment, on the Avenue Matignon, offers cut-price clothes designed by Yves Saint Laurent, Chanel and Ungaro, and Miss Griffes, on the Rue de Penthièvre, stocks Chanel, Armani, Valentino and Ungaro. Down the road from Miss Griffes is PWS, selling discounted men's ready-to-wear collections from Ted Lapidus, Christian Dior and Pierre Cardin.

Shopping in Paris is at least as frenetic as in other capital cities, so a haven of relaxation is essential. Ours was the Hotel Royal *Monceau on the Avenue Hoche*, 200 yards from the Arc de Triomphe and the Champs-Elysées.



French style in 1956 — and 1995 Paris is still the fashion capital

Behind the ornate façade, marked out by huge hanging lanterns, is a legacy of the Roaring Twenties, when hotels were built on a grand scale. The foyer, staircases and rooms are all reminiscent of the days before space in city centres was measured in square inches. Politicians, including Ho Chi Minh and delegation, royal parties, film stars plus their entourages, and the odd maharajah have stayed there.

Though lots of marble and brocade remain, the service nowadays smacks more of that in America hotels: efficient and customer-friendly.

The bedrooms are quiet and scrumptious and everything is to hand. A test of any hotel is whether the controls for the television and the shower can be operated within a few seconds — they could. And it was good to see a hairdryer, which even top-class French hotels often still forget.

For those eating in, there are two restaurants, Le Jardin, offering provençal food in the hotel's conservatory and garden, and Il Carpaccio, specialising in North Italian cuisine. The vast foyer and the Piano Bar make useful meeting places.

Underneath the building is a health spa with a swimming pool, sauna, steam room and gymnasium. Offered a variety of beauty treatments, I chose a facial, which turned out to be superb.

The Grand Heritage Hotel group also owns the smaller and more intimate Hotel Vernet in a nearby side street, Rue Vernet. One of its joys is the Les Elysées restaurant under a Belle Epoque glass dome designed by Gustave Eiffel. Not surprisingly, the hotel has built up a large clientele of Americans who return year after year.

We travelled first-class on Eurostar as the quickest and least tiring mode of moving from one capital to another. It took about three hours — taken up largely by the leisurely consumption of three-course meals.

Despite hitches, the service each way was faultless and the only grumbles were directed at inadequate passenger facilities at Waterloo and the Gare du Nord. But the smoothness of the ride and the exhilaration of the high speeds through the French countryside transformed a train ride into an adventure. As we slid gently into Paris, we were in exactly the right mood to hit the shops.

SHEILA GUNN

How to get there and where to stay

☐ The author travelled from *London to Paris on Eurostar* as a guest of French Railways. The return fare economy costs from £76 (first-class, from £149). For reservations, phone The Railshop (0345 300 003).

☐ She was a guest of the Hôtel Royal Monceau, one of the Grand Heritage Hotels group, *on Avenue Hoche, within a few* minutes' walk of the Arc de Triomphe and the Champs-Elysées. *All the hotels in the group* are historic properties.

☐ The hotel offers a package break from FFr 1,950 (about £250) a night for two people sharing a double room. The price includes Continental breakfast and use of Les Thermes health spa.

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Intimacy in the capital of serendipity

The greatest asset of Toulouse is the fact that for four centuries most people forgot all about it. The town passed from the 1560s to the 1960s in a Rip van Winkle slumber, impinging on the national consciousness only as the provider of a generation of heretics and of a cholesterol-packed pork sausage.

This obscurity has been its salvation. For when President de Gaulle's Government designated it the powerhouse of France's aeronautical and space industries, it passed almost unscathed through the industrialisation that disfigured its rivals.

So today, though factories, hangars and a new university sprawl alongside the motorway ring road, the town centre, with few buildings above five storeys, retains an intimate feel.

Its inhabitants also retain a *pride in the town's past: down* any of the windy pedestrianised streets there is a passer-by or shopkeeper happy to offer directions to the next notable sight or to explain the symbolism of the 12-pointed star that decorates balconies and squares alike. This, they are keen to point out, is not France. The star shows that Toulouse is the capital of Occitania, closer by tradition to Barcelona or Naples than to emotionally colder cultures such as Bordeaux's, making it attractive to Britons seeking a Mediterranean ambience. Air France has now doubled its daily flights from Heathrow to match the two that British Airways runs from Gatwick.

Most holiday packages propose tours of the countryside, the rolling Gascon plain or the snow-capped Pyrenees. But the town can easily sustain a week's sightseeing itself; this is the capital of serendipity.

Courtyards conceal some of the chief glories. Cramped and cobbled, almost invisible from the main street, they are the legacy of a golden age from 1530 to 1590, when the town held a monopoly of the manufacture of pastel crayons. To advertise their wealth, its dye merchants squashed their courtyards beneath overweening towers, magnificently ornamented and rising as high as 30 metres above their neighbours. *Toulouse still has* about 50 of them, mostly in private hands.

Almost all these showcases are made of stone — another symbol of wealth. Toulouse began as a pauper's town, built from cheap brick by people who couldn't afford to lug stone from the mountains, and it is a pleasing paradox that the rosy, dusky glow of those old bricks now makes such a memorable cityscape. The extraordinary church of the Jacobins, for example, was built deliberately of brick by the proselytising Dominican order so that the locals whom they hoped to wean away from Cathar heresy would not be put off by the traditional ecclesiastical snootiness. Bare of decoration, its simplicity is as affecting as the better known Basilica of St-Sernin, the pilgrim church now almost completely restored.



Jacobins church: no snootiness

Behind the Jacobins is an even more seductive cloister, whose green calm lends its fine acoustics to summer music festivals and its shade to dehydrated visitors.

The town is at its best in spring and autumn. The sun brings out the café tables and a brisk wind off the Pyrenees stimulates the appetite to tackle the heavy dishes that locals favour — catch-all cassoulet, crispy duck and the eponymous grilled sausage.

Toulouse also has a name for culture; its symphony orchestra has an international reputation and the collection of medieval carvings in the converted Gothic convent of the Augustins is equally celebrated.

So Toulouse can afford to be relaxed about associations that less confident towns would build into theme parks. Even one of modern literature's most popular names, Antoine de Saint Exupéry, who worked there as an airmail pilot, is hardly mentioned. His room in the Hôtel du Grand Balcon is still to let at Fr130 a night — decidedly unprincely, with a spartan wash basin and a balcony overlooking the main square.

More fuss is made about air travel of the future. Since the author of *Le Petit Prince* and his colleagues made their pioneering trips across the North African desert in the Twenties, aircraft building has become an international industry — and now the workshops around the airport concentrate on space shuttles and telecommunications. At least two museums mark their achievements. The Aerospatiale company's is full of glitter and gadgets, but the most moving is the Aerothèque in the sheds where the prototypes of Saint Exupéry's wobbly Dewoitines were dreamed up. There are just a few dozen model planes, some old tools, a flickery video and a lot of memories. Even when it's leaping into the future, Toulouse remains attached to its past.

JOHN WHITLEY

How to get there

☐ The author travelled to Toulouse as a guest of Air France (0181-742 6600), and stayed at the three-star Grand Hôtel Capoul (00 33 61 10 70 70).

☐ Air France Holidays (0181-742 3377) offers two-night and seven-night breaks at the hotel from £164 to £334 a head and three-night fly-drive weekends from £281 a head. Hôtel du Grand Balcon: 00 33 61 21 48 08.

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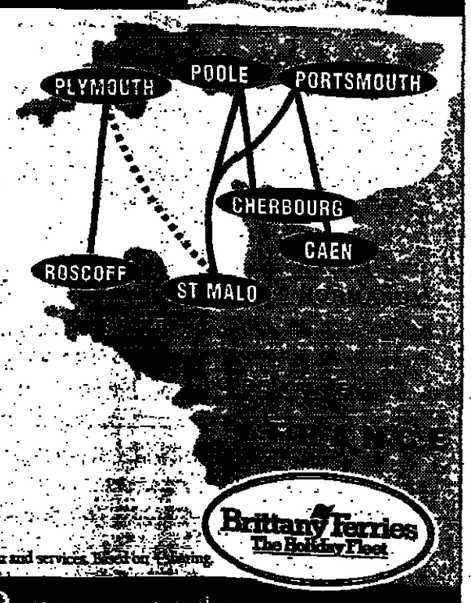
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WALKING: In the mountains of Spain's Sierra de Gredos, and around the placid lakes of Cumbria

The ancient hillsides where Moors and Christians clashed



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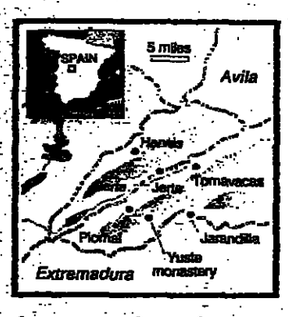
The Sierra de Gredos, one of Spain's biggest mountain ranges, once divided the marauding Muslim Moors from the Christians

After a week's walking in and around the Valle del Jerte in central Spain, I felt I had experienced a rapid course in Spanish history. Everywhere our party walked — in the valley, in the hills and on the ridges with sweeping vistas to Portugal and beyond — we were walking on paths, trodden for centuries by the poor and royalty.

Our guide, Catherine Campbell, told us some of their stories; tales set against a background of granite peaks, green valleys, hillsides covered with cherry blossom, wild flowers blooming between olive and fig trees, beside dry-stone walls and red-roofed farmhouses. This green valley is in the northern corner of Extremadura, nestled between the central and western *massifs of the Sierra de Gredos*, one of Spain's biggest mountain ranges, a natural barrier which *once divided the marauding Muslim* Moors from the Christians.

As we walked up the hillside above the valley *on our first day*, we passed terraces sculpted from the earth for cultivation, once for vines, *now mainly cherries, the valley's* staple crop, and olives and figs. These terraces were built 700 years ago by the Moors who, the locals say, named the river Xerete because of the clarity of its waters.

As we left the orchards and olive groves, we climbed up through a wooded area of chestnuts and oaks on stones worn down by centuries of feet belonging to drovers and priests. We didn't meet any clerics but we did discover that the Jerte Valley has been part of an important transhumance route for centuries: every spring and autumn, herds of sheep and cattle have been, and still are, driven through here to the high pastures of the neighbouring region of Avila.



We ate our picnic lunch on an old *stone bridge, the Puente de Los* Molinos, overlooking a waterfall, fed by the many *gargantas*, or *streams, flowing down the moun*tain side.

An hour or so later, we reached *Piornal, the highest village in the* region, with stunning views of trees covered in pink and white cherry blossom. *By the side of the path and* growing out of the stone walls were wild flowers — asphodels, lavender, *wild mint — and the air was* filled with the humming of bees.

After this first, fairly gentle walk, some of us went riding, one of the valley's new tourist attractions. The horses may be working animals, more suitable for terrace farming than tractors, but they — or rather mine — were frisky. The cowboy saddles were as stylish as the cigarette-smoking gauchos who acted as our guides, but coming down a mountain at right angles, trotting, was really not my idea of fun. Riding was never like this in Cheshire.

Two hours later, I was grateful to taste the local kirsch, distilled from *cherries, and eau-de-vie from rasp*berries, greengages and pears. After that, I could just about have faced the horse again.

The next challenge was the best-known route in the area, El Camino de Carlos Quinto, named after the Holy Roman Emperor who abdicated in favour of his son (the infamous Philip II, whose beard was "singed" by Elizabeth I's navy). Although German by birth, he chose to retire to Spain; he liked its mild climate and wanted to leave behind the trappings of court. Not all the trappings, however. Ser*vants carried him across Spain in a* contraption resembling a pram.

We followed his route for the last 18 miles or so, from the village of *Tornavacas at the* head of the Jerte Valley to Jarandilla, where he stayed with *noble friends until his apartments* in the nearby Yuste monastery were ready.

We were only carrying rucksacks, not a king, but some of the walking was tough. The first few miles skirted along the edge of the valley, then the path rose and wove round a steep and rocky ridge to a plateau of heather, tussocky grass and marshy patches. We could hear their bells before the herd of goats appeared, and, at the highest points, looked across blue ridges of mountains, with their topping of snow, to the huge spaces of Spain. For the most part, the path was *marked with painted signs (which* some of the more fundamentalist Greens in Spain have objected to) *but at times we had to struggle* through great bushes of gorse and heather.

*Then came a long descent to*wards Jarandillo and dinner at the castle — now an elegant parador — with a great, beamed hall of a dining room and a Moorish courtyard with a pool and pineapple palms. Having completed 28km, we felt a smug, though exhausted, sense of achievement.

Another day, we indulged ourselves, driving across the region's highest road to the next valley of Ambroz, for a magnificent lunch of sausage, pimentos, local cheeses, kid and grilled bream in the small town of Hervás. Time for another history lesson. Hervás has a wonderfully preserved Jewish quarter, with half-timbered, wattle-and-daub houses built in the 15th century. *Jews moved here from all* over Spain to escape persecution, but eventually the Inquisition *caught up with them and they were* forced to convert to Christianity. Now, in a more tolerant era, Hervás is *on the tourist trail for* people of many religions. In fact, this whole region of Extremadura, *the poorest in Spain*, is slowly opening up to tourists. But the Jerte Valley isn't some quaint heritage *centre, conflating centuries of hist*ory into a marketing spectacular. It is very much a working community: *numerous small farms there* use every inch of available land for cultivation.

Early one Sunday morning, we meet a man working his small plot with a hand-plough, as his ancestors would have done. He had come from Madrid for the weekend to visit his parents, and to give his *father a helping hand in the field.* The ploughman was typical of the visitors who frequent the valley. *Madrilenos coming for weekends*, often to visit their families or to enjoy the cherry blossom, the fiestas and the scenery. But most of them don't walk very far so the few people we did meet on the hillsides were farmers and goatherds.

The area is unspoilt, a place to stride out along old trails, to enjoy a richness of flowers and wildlife (I saw a black stork in the nearby National Park of Monfrague), and, of course, history.

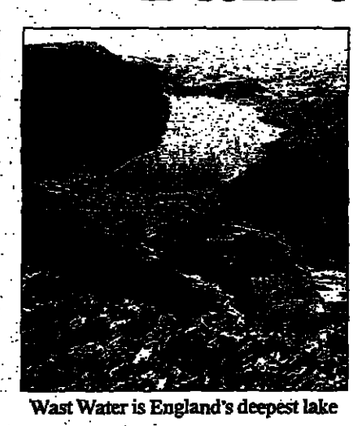
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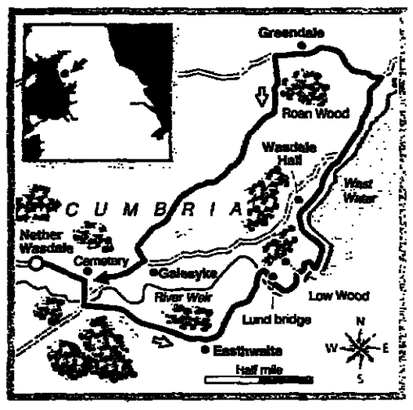
☐ The author was a guest of Exodus Walking Holidays (0181-675 5550). Eight-day guided tours around the Valle del Jerte cost £390, including seven nights' B&B, five packed lunches, six dinners and the flight to Madrid.

☐ In 1996, tours will depart April 27, May 18, October 5 and 26.

Tall tales and deep lakes



Wast Water is England's deepest lake



Every November in the village of Santon Bridge, close to Wast Water in west Cumbria, the Bridge Inn holds a competition to find the world's biggest liar. First prize for telling the largest whopper in the most convincing way is £25, a silk tie printed with "The biggest liar in the world" and the *Jennings Trophy. Rules forbid* the participation of politicians and members of the legal *profession. Honest.*

The walk eastwards on the road out of the nearby village of Nether Wasdale gave me time to consider a tall storyline: Wast Water is the busiest and least dramatic of all lakes in the Lake District. If that could be spun out for ten minutes and made to sound plausible there'd be a chance of a silk tie.

A quarter of a mile out of Nether Wasdale, past the phone box prised into a gap in the dry stone wall and past the tiny cemetery where two of the gravestones are adorned with pictures of Wast Water, the walk turns right towards Santon Bridge (two miles), crosses a small hump over the River Irt and then veers left up a farm track which is signposted "Public footpath lake foot".

Ahead are the 1,700ft high Wast Water screes. The steep, stony slopes that plunge straight into England's deepest lake are one of the most majestic sights in the whole of the Lake District. During the five miles of the walk this extraordinary, if somewhat brooding, presence never leaves you.

Skirt the buildings of Easthwaite farm, carry on along the track and, at the *point where it starts to cross a* meadow, go through the gate, left down the side of the field and make for the arched stone Lund bridge straight ahead.

Over the bridge, take the path to the right marked "Youth hostel" into the National Trust property of Low Wood. *This is the most delight*ful stretch of the two-and-a-half hour walk because here *are silver birch, ash, rowan,* oak, sycamore, beech, Norway spruce, Scotch pine and red *squirrels. Through the trees* are the clear waters of the lake and the towering screes beyond. Initially, the only sound is the babble of the Irt but, as you walk further, there is a faint humming noise emanating from a stone building near the shore. This is a pumping *station which helps deliver up* to four million gallons of water a day to British Nuclear Fuels *at Sellafield, a few miles away.* The water from the 257ft deep lake is used to cool spent *nuclear fuel rods.*

About an hour after setting off from Nether Wasdale I rested on a bench at the end of Wast Water, a solitary walker with this panorama before me, *the three-mile lake stretching* towards the north east and the slopes of Great Gable (2,949ft), *Kirk Fell (2,630ft), Yewbarrow* (2,058ft) and other fells plainly visible in the distance.

At *the other end of the lake* lies Wasdale Head, which some say has the smallest church in England. It is also a centre for climbing in this part of the Lake District. Scafell Pike (3,210ft), the highest peak in England, being close by.

The path continues around the shore line in front of Wasdale Hall. Now a youth hostel, the large, partly half-timbered house was built in 1829 for Stansfeld Rawson, a Yorkshire banker and a prodigious planter of trees in this part of the valley.

More than 300,000 trees were planted between 1811 and 1813 says Janet Martin, author of an article on Wasdale Hall for the Cumberland and West*morland Antiquarian and* Archaeological Society.

Rawson also managed to acquire wood panelling from York Minster after a fire there in 1829. Some of the panelling found its way into the small 16th-century church at Nether Wasdale, where you can see George III's coat of arms on one wall and a number of ornate ceiling bosses. The *church is open during the day.*

After Wasdale Hall, the walk follows the shore opposite the screes for about three-quarters of a mile, first along a path and then over a stone wall and on to the road.

At the first junction you come to, turn left and then, after the bridge at Greendale, turn immediately left again and walk along the public bridleway towards Galesyke and Strands.

From here it is about a mile and a quarter in a south-westerly direction through woods and across open country (for just a few steps the path became a little boggy) until you pick up the road again. Turn right there, and head back towards Nether Wasdale. A sign on a tree reassures you that it is one kilometre to the Strands Hotel.

Troop back though Nether Wasdale, which was once a best-kept small village in the *Copeland Council area, and* you will pass the maypole which has stood near the *church since 1897, commemo*rating Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. It is still used every May.

The last thing I did was to go in search of Will Ritson's grave. He was the Wasdale publican who told such amazing stories that, even 105 years after his death he, too, has his own memorial. It's called the Biggest Liar in the World competition.

CHRISTIAN DYMOND

Fact file

☐ The walk is number 12 in the *AA/OS Ordnance Survey Leisure Guide Lake District*, price £9.99.

☐ The Biggest Liar in the World competition. Thurs, Nov 16, 7.30pm, at the Bridge Inn, Santon Bridge, Cumbria. £4. Competition details, 01946 67575. The inn (019467 26221) is open all day (no meals 2.30-5.30pm). B&B: single £25-£29.50, double £29.50-£39.50.

☐ Wast Water youth hostel, Wasdale Hall (019467 26222). £8 for over-18s, £5.35 for under-18s. Closed Nov 4 until Christmas, except for groups.

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HAUT-BRION

(c) In full *Château Haut-Brion*, a variety of fine quality claret, a vinous toponym from the estate, in the commune of Pessac, near Bordeaux, said to have been founded by an Irish O'Brien. Samuel Pepys, *Diary*, 10 April, 1663: "Here drank a sort of French wine, called Ho Bryan, that hath a good *and most particular taste that* I never met with."

MUCHACHO

(b) A boy, young man, malke servant, from the Spanish. *Muchacha* is a girl. "The followers of the camps, pages and muchachos, who must be chosen able to fight in a day of service, for the defence of themselves and their masters' baggage."

LIDIA

(a) A bull-fight, especially the earlier stages in which the cuadrilla prepare the bull for the faena, the process whereby the torero obliges the bull to conform to his movements. *Lidia* in Spanish is literally "a fight". So *lidiador*, a torero *considered as controlling the* actions of the picadors, and the responses of the bull.

JADAM

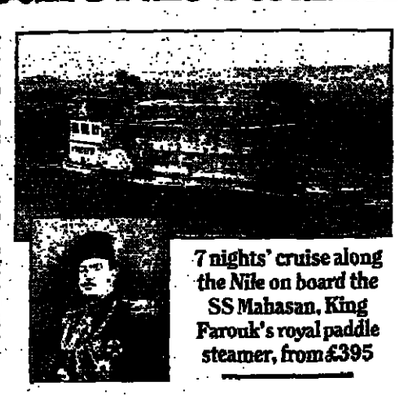
(a) A type of silver or brass niello ware from the Malay Peninsula and Sumatra, used especially for decorating belt buckles. "The art is said to have come from Sumatra. In Malaya jadam work was used mostly for the production of *decorated waist buckles.*"

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AFRICA: **Julia Llewellyn Smith** takes to the road with a group of overlanders ...

The truck of revelations



Travellers take a shine to the sun as the all-terrain truck easily traverses the Africa that more conventional package tourists do not always see

Night had fallen on the ancient ruins of Great Zimbabwe. the monkeys were sleeping in the trees and the cold sky was bright with the stars of the southern hemisphere. "I have done so many new things since I came to Africa," said Sarah, as we sat huddled around the campfire. Such as what. I asked excitedly. Had she made a fire by rubbing two sticks together, concocted healing balms from herbs and tracked wild animals through the veld? "No, I've eaten powdered milk and luncheon meat and margarine," she said. "They're delicious. It's been a revelation."

Sarah was a nurse from Devon and an "overlander", one of our group of 20 travelling across Zimbabwe, Botswana and Namibia in a Mercedes-Benz truck. Every year thousands of travellers spend from three weeks to six months bumping along Third-World dirt roads, camping in the bush and existing on a diet of Marmite, corned beef and baked beans. Overlanders, the brochures promise, get to see the real Africa/Asia/South America and find adventure.

None of these promises impressed me. The "real" experience, I suspected, would mean squalor, which any sane African would be doing his or her best to escape. Contact with the locals would be minimal: a friend who made a similar journey in South America confided that in four months she had learnt every Australian drinking song but nothing about Andean culture.

Yet overlanding is by far the cheapest way to see a large amount of a continent for a (comparatively) small amount of money. For the lone or inexperienced traveller it is a safe introduction to far-off and potentially hostile places. Independent travellers spend hours studying bus timetables, bank opening hours and hitching to campsites. On a truck the driver deals with the bureaucracy, while you need only pack away your company-provided tent, then be driven to your next destination.

In the end the plus points, added to an irresistible itinerary from Harare through the Okavango Delta in Botswana to Windhoek, the capital of Namibia, won me over. Nonetheless, my image of my fellow travellers filled me with dread. Either, I decided, they would be Dutch hippies who would sing *Kumbaya* around the campfire, or they would be rowdy Kiwis. Instead, I ended up with a surprisingly amenable bunch, made up of two extremely efficient drivers, nine Brits, two Aussies, two Canadians, one American, one Swiss and four New Zealanders. There were 12 women to five men, which led to one bitter cat fight, and there was, for a time, a rumour of a thief on board but, as the journey continued, everyone got on better and better.

Most passengers were in their twenties, between jobs or courses and, usually, love affairs. The youngest, Fiona, a 20-year-old from Yorkshire, was also probably the most sensible. She had been on the truck for six months, driving all the way from London, via various hell spots such as Mali, Nigeria and Ebola-infected Zaire, where one passenger fell in a sewer and had to fly home for skin grafts.

The least sensible was a Canadian teacher who managed to spoil every view by sneaking up behind people and bellowing: "Isn't this a great spot?" She would then compare it to another, greater spot in Indonesia, Chile or Bangladesh. She complained endlessly that we never met any "real Africans", which she compensated for by flirting with every border guard.

Other overlanders included Mark, an Australian computer programmer, whose first words to me were: "Isn't it amazing how many blacks there are in Africa?" There was Claudia from Switzerland, who after three days' bush camping still sported dazzling white socks. And Cliff, an American in his forties, had a fantastic collection of drip-dry shirts, a bizarre obsession with with dung and a tendency to lurk in the bushes with his torch after dark.

Each person was assigned a "job". Cliff's was to unload the lockers every morning and evening. We had half an hour to get out whatever we needed for the next 12 hours before our bags disappeared again.

Cliff was not happy when one night we wangled an extra five minutes. "Tomorrow," he warned us, "you'll only have 25." I was truck cleaner, a cushy number, compared with the job which involved making a fire every evening and disposing of the rubbish.

We took turns to shop, within the constraints of a ridiculously small budget, in groups of three and cooked what we bought over a wooden fire. The results, after a barely edible first-night spaghetti carbonara, were good. Another group would wash up and everyone else's job was to "flap" the plates dry, by waving them vigorously in the air, to the mirth of passengers with rival overland trucks.

Flapping apart, I didn't see another truck that rivalled ours for robustness, security and comfort. There was an on-board library, roof seats to top up our tans, and vast store cupboards full of packet cheese sauce, Spam and reconstituted vegetables.

We were usually filthy. "You look like a character from *Tenko*," I was told after a particularly energetic tent-pitching session. After three days without a proper wash I was feeling rather proud of my tan, then I got in the bath at the Windhoek camp ground and saw it all go down the plughole. We were moved by the wonders of Africa but nothing could invoke a group frenzy like a rumour that there might be a launderette and hot showers at our next campsite.

Which is not to say that Africa was not glorious. Almost every day brought an unforgettable experience. In Zimbabwe we trekked rhinos through the bush in the Matobos National Park and camped in the ruins of Great Zimbabwe, the oldest city in sub-Saharan Africa. In Botswana we camped in salt pans on the edge of the Kalahari, where the grey milky chalk of the land blends imperceptibly with the sky, creating a sensation of infinity.

We punted through the papyrus and lilies of the Okavango Delta, dodging angry hippos and lazy crocs, and camped on one of the islands, surrounded by elephants and lions. I left the truck in Windhoek, a bizarre city which bears more relation to Frankfurt than to Africa, while the others carried on to explore Namibia's Skeleton Coast and the Etosha game park, before returning to Harare via Victoria Falls.

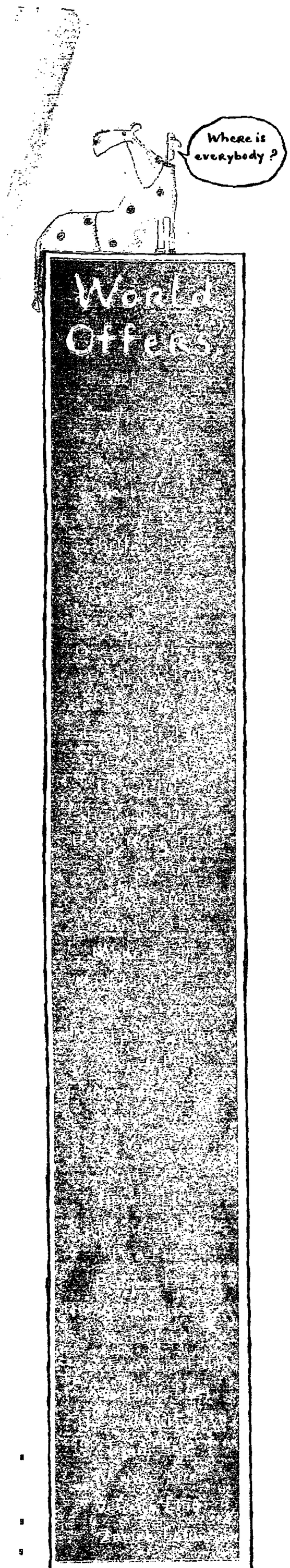
We didn't meet many Africans and we didn't (except for the angry hippos and a night with a mad South African in Windhoek) have many adventures. But the truck provided constant entertainment and gossip, we saw some of the most inspiring sights in the world and, I discovered, after several hour-long baths on my return, I had managed to get a fine tan.

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Coffee time on the Zulu killing field



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How *The Illustrated London News* saw the death of the French Prince Imperial at the hands of Zulu warriors in 1879 after British troops were massacred at Isandlwana

Earlier this year, after watching England play rugby against Argentina in Durban, I drove into Zululand and spent the night at a lodge at Fugitive's Drift, the place where, in 1879, the few survivors of Isandlwana, the site of one of Britain's worst colonial defeats, managed to cross to Natal. It is upstream from Rorke's Drift (inspiration for the film *Zulu*) on the Buffalo River. There are few more resonant places in British colonial history. And not far away is another place, the Tshotshosi River ("The wandering river" in Zulu), which also reverberates in French history.

At Fugitive's Drift 50 men escaped the slaughter of a large British force at Isandlwana by the Zulu. A few months later, near the Tshotshosi River, four men, part of a reconnaissance party, were killed by the Zulu. They were a local guide, troopers Abel and Rogers and an observer of the Zulu War, Louis Napoleon, the Prince Imperial. For many years now I have thought this one of the most extraordinary stories of the era of colonialism.

> The last direct descendant of Napoleon was dead, abandoned in a gully by his British companions

The Prince Imperial, at 23 the apple of his mother the Empress Eugenie's eye, was killed largely, it must be said, as a result of his own negligence.

The British Army, under Lord Chelmsford, who had suffered greatly as a result of Isandlwana and his rash predictions ("the main problem will be to get the blighters to fight"), was thrown into confusion and panic.

This absurd war had cost thousands of lives, slaughtered many Zulus, and now, against the express instructions of the Duke of Cambridge, the prince had been allowed to stray into a position of danger. In some ways it was worse than the disaster of Isandlwana. The last direct descendant of Napoleon Bonaparte was dead, with 14 or so stab wounds, abandoned in a gully by his British companions, most of whom ran away when they were supposed to be looking after him. Troopers Abel and Rogers barely get a mention, but they too were killed, one shot, one speared. As for the guide, his name is unknown.

Finding the spot where the prince died was not easy. A succession of dusty roads through the heart of Zululand finally led to a small grove of trees and a simple stone cross donated by Queen Victoria. Behind the cross, tucked against the back wall, are two even more modest memorials: here are buried the troopers Abel and Rogers. These two are the Rosencrantz and Guildenstern of this affair. The body of the prince was shipped to England.

An elderly woman emerged from a hut nearby with the visitors' book. The comments in French suggest a spiritual communion. I wrote in dubious French: "*Incroyable de le voir.*" It is the sort of place which encourages whimsy.

In the original reports of the affair, the area is described as having thick reeds and vegetation. No more. The river and the donga, or gully, where the prince defended himself with an assegai plucked from his thigh, is now completely open. Louis Napoleon had given up trying to run after his fast disappearing companions, who were being led at a gallop by Lt Brenton Carey.

It is hard to imagine how the Zulus could have crept up on the party, which was enjoying coffee while the prince conversed with Lt Carey. Today any Zulus would be visible at 500 yards. But the little grove of trees planted on Eugenie's instruction stands tall and green. As far as I could see they were cypresses and yews. I wondered why, if after 115 years these trees are still there despite the depredations of wood choppers, the rest of the landscape, leading two miles up to a hill where Lt Carey finally halted in his flight is so bare. Zululand, despite the beauty and sweep of its hills, is a rural slum. During the Zulu War there were no more than 300,000 Zulus; there are now about six million. Trees probably have little future.

From the lodge at Fugitive's Drift I walked down to the grave of Lieutenants Melville and Coghill, the two men who saved the colour of the 1/24th Regiment when Isandlwana was overrun. Against all the odds, they reached the Natal bank of the river only to be killed there, possibly by local Zulus. The evidence for this is said to be that they were not disembowelled, as was the practice on the other side.

The colour had floated down the Buffalo River and was retrieved to great rejoicing a few days later by a young soldier-naturalist, a man so interested in beetles that he fell to his knees to examine one while leading an attack against a Zulu chieftain. In this episode I think you can see some of the strands of the high period of Empire, in the fetishism of the colour (which now hangs, tattered and water-stained, in Brecon), in the interest in natural history and in the bravery of the soldiers, although reports describe the soldiers as society's dregs.

This grave, on a hillside a few hundred yards above the Drift, is crowned by a small cross donated by Sir Bartle Frere, governor of Natal. The site has not changed since the Zulu War; down below in the river two women were washing. The sun was setting. Melville and Coghill were both awarded the Victoria Cross posthumously, the first such awards. It was impossible, standing there, not to be caught up in the mythology, while all too aware that the interpretation of history in South Africa is undergoing overdue re-evaluation.

Fugitive's Drift is on a farm and nature reserve owned by David and Nicola Rattray. They have six cottages providing comfortable accommodation and hearty food in a wonderful setting along 1km of the Buffalo River. They have introduced giraffe and antelope to lend an ingredient of exoticism.

David Rattray has immersed himself in the Zulu War. He speaks Zulu fluently and he has become justly renowned for his battlefield tours. Two or three hours with him on the Isandlwana hill, above the white cairns of graves and the monuments scattered around to mark almost everything but the Zulu deaths, is a memorable and affecting experience.

He recreates the scene with both academic and personal knowledge, the latter gleaned from hundreds of hours of conversations with the sons of the Zulu commanders. He quotes from letters and diaries, and the recollections of the Zulu generals. It is easy to believe that this is, as he says, the best-preserved battlefield in British military history, and the site of one of the worst disasters.

Dinner is taken communally in a dining room which is itself a museum, hung with assegais, bugles and pictures. Also at the table were a former ambassador to Japan and his lady, a couple just up from Durban for a few days, and a potato farmer from Hereford, on his way to see some rugby with his young family. It was surprisingly cold and a log fire was crackling. Without in any way imposing his considerable expertise, David Rattray is a delightful host. His wife, whom he refers to, for no obvious reason, as "Porkpie", is equally charming.

In my comfortable cottage late at night with my own fire glowing, I reflected on the melancholy and grandeur of the Zulu nation, and I wondered whether the current obsessions of the Inkatha leadership cannot be traced back to the Zulu War.

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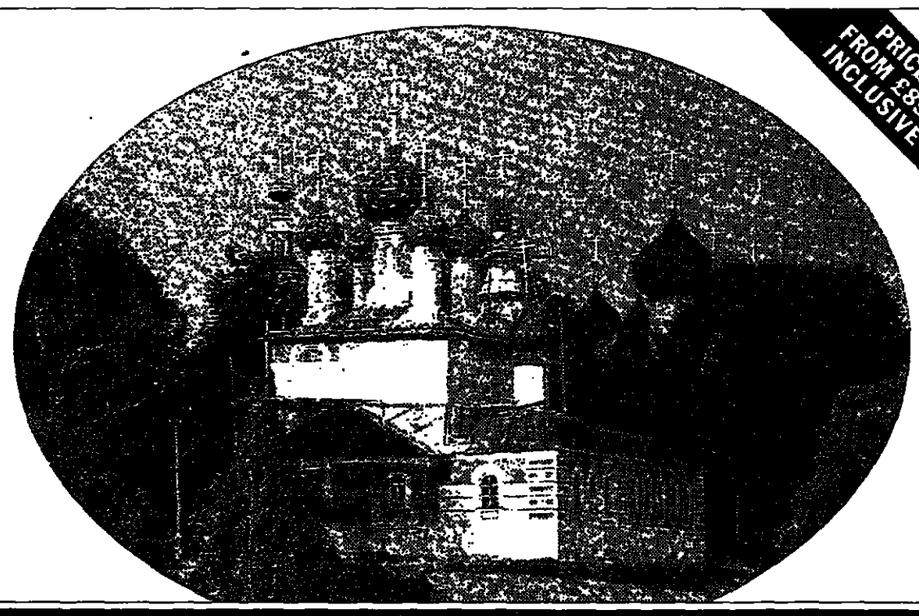
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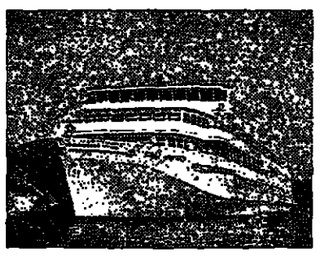
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Ready for a covey of grouse to skim in: sporting agent Nick Mason (right) with a gun and loader. Such a day's shooting can cost a gun from £500 to more than £1,000

The early rush of grouse tourists from overseas, who itch to shoot driven birds on and after the Glorious Twelfth, is subsiding. Although bird numbers are down this season, some late bookings are available and prices are dropping. There is still time for a complete novice (or "new gun") to step into the butts.

First, you must accept that grouse moors are managed to rear more birds than the habitat would naturally produce. If you are happy about this, and do not find it unethical to kill for fun, grouse-shooting is the most easily defensible of field sports.

The red grouse, which is found only in Britain, is not intensively farmed and sent for slaughter. It is culled in the wild by sportsmen and women who bring in large sums of money, much of it foreign exchange. Without this, the moors would be overgrazed, the heather would virtually disappear and the upland economy would be hard hit.

Arranging a shoot is a secretive business. You do not approach moor owners direct; you must go through a sporting agent, whose work is rather like that of a marriage bureau. Like the grouse, few agents are found further south than Derbyshire, as this is "hands on" work. Each acts for their local estates, but will find you days in the Borders or in Perthshire as easily as on the North York Moors and in the Dales. A recommendation from a qualified third party may suffice but, as Nick Mason, a northern letting agent, says: "A crash course at a shooting school is helpful."

Southern guns may take an afternoon at the shooting grounds of Holland and Holland at Northwood, Middlesex, or at the West London Shooting School at nearby Northolt. But Mr Mason directs northern clients to Simon Ward, at the Yorkshire Gun Room Shooting School near Harrogate. Mr Ward puts his pupils through their paces in all aspects of safety on a moor, and flings clays at them fast and very low. The real thing is fiercely tricky to hit. It is just as expensive when you miss — which, for most, is often. Even experienced international guns grab the practice. "We have no driven shooting in the States, and grouse is the highlight of any shooting person's career," says Peter Dully, the managing director of a New York investment bank, who uses Mr Mason's services each year.

Expect to pay an agent more than £1,000 a day at the start of the season, a figure which falls to about £500-£600 by mid-September. This does not include accommodation, but does cover lunch and transport to and from the moor. You provide your own pair of guns and cartridges, pay a further £35 for a loader, and need cash to tip the keeper at the end of the day. Insuring against cancellation because of poor weather is always advisable.

Guns (those who shoot) are assembled after breakfast in teams of nine. Mr Mason briefs his troops about 8.30am, before the convoy of Range Rovers, the classic mode of moor transport, snakes its way to the first drive. The guns will have drawn lots to determine the order in which they line out in the butts, the camouflaged drystone hides.

When all have taken up their positions on the vast tracts of heather, beaters drive the grouse towards the waiting clients.

Loaders stand at their elbow and two sticks are pushed into the earth to mark the left and right arcs so as not to endanger a neighbour.

The grouse skim through the line of guns in coveys of up to 12, a few feet above the ground and at speeds of 50mph. Coming head-on and in range for a few seconds, it is admissible to shoot them in the rear as they pass overhead with your second pair of barrels.

A whistle blows, the beaters come into view and the guns cease fire. The fallen grouse are scented by the dogs, picked up and counted. The guns mount their vehicles and head for the next skirmish.

Lunch is in a hut, where caterers dispense game pie. Two, perhaps three drives follow the break, so everyone goes easy on alcohol. The day may end about 5pm when, clutching a brace of warm grouse, you are returned to your hotel, where a relaxing bath and some Elastoplast await you.

Dress codes on the moor matter. Most guns will wear a cap, collar and tie, sturdy tweed jacket and plus fours, thick socks and sensible shoes or boots.

Unlike hill farming, which exists alongside it, grouse moor management receives no state funding. So any well-armed holidaymaker about to slip into his kit can rest assured that his cash will be well spent. The future of our heather moorland is banking on it.

JONNY BEARDSALL

Shooting box

THE grouse season opens on August 12 and closes on December 10. This year, however, most moors will have completed their programme by the beginning of November.

☐ Where to learn:
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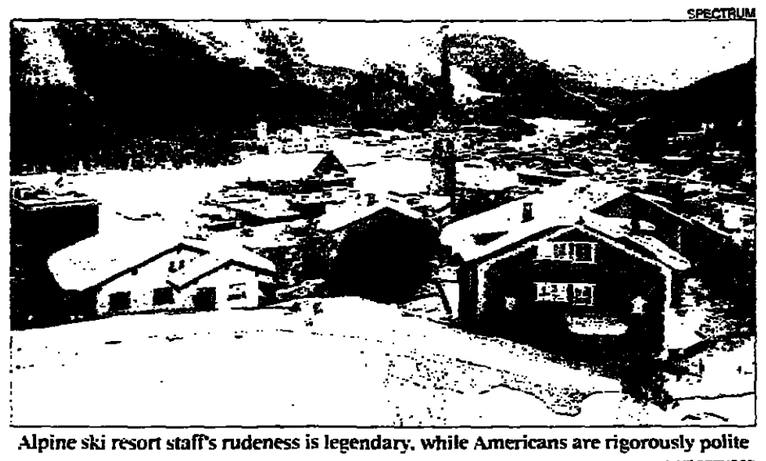
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Guaranteed snow and excellent safety are the big attractions for well-heeled skiers

SPECTRUM



Alpine ski resort staff's rudeness is legendary, while Americans are rigorously polite

JANE SPENCER



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The skiing world is getting bigger. Japan's 300 ski areas have now been chronicled in a guidebook, *Ski Japan*, by T. R. Reid. The Eagle Ski Club offers ski tours to the Atlas mountains in Morocco. And some areas of Australia and New Zealand are now better known for their skiing than their Chardonnays.

"But none of these skiing nations merits coverage in either of Britain's most comprehensive resort guidebooks. However, *The Good Skiing Guide* and *Where to Ski* give extensive coverage to North America.

European resort directors seem unaware of the competition from across the Atlantic. Skiers say that the service, snow and safety in North America are well worth the higher price and longer flight.

The budget skier may still find it hard to decide between Andorra and Austria. But the upper end of the market has much wider geography to choose from: between the Alps and North America in general, and between Colorado and Canada in particular. Such skiers are more concerned that their holiday will not be a washout than they are with shaving percentages.

Although some North American resorts appear in brochures at prices that are comparable to holidays in France or Switzerland, these prices are based on four persons sharing a hotel room and do not include meals. Roughly speaking, most skiers should expect to pay 20-30 per cent more for America than the Alps but, perhaps, only 10-20 per cent more for Canada.

No one knows for sure how many of us go skiing, as the industry only counts package-tour clients. Best estimates are between 500,000 and 750,000, including school parties. The North American market comprises only about 30,000 skiers, but it attracts a high percentage of Britain's ski-tour operators. The importance of the Atlantic connection was underscored this year when Thomson reversed policy by relaunching its American programme after a season of trying to get by in Europe alone.

The debate need not be a question of America or Europe only. Despite diehards who return to the same resort twenty years running, most skiers thrive on variety. An informal poll of skiers who visited North America last winter indicated that most of them had also made at least one other ski trip to the Alps in the same season.

North American skiing made its international breakthrough in 1988-1990, when the snow in the Alps was dreadful and the dollar was cheap. Within that two-year period the number of Britons skiing in North America jumped from 2,000 to 20,000. The most amazing discovery they made was that they were welcome.

"Have a nice day," has become an old joke. But it beats being sneered at in French or grunted at in German. The rudeness of resort personnel across the Alps has been officially recognised by national tourism officials, most recently by the Swiss, who have targeted what they call "the welcome" as one of the country's leading tourism problems.

In North America, resort employees are routinely drug-tested, subject to strict dress codes and graded according to their demeanour. At Blackcomb in Canada, arguably the best-managed resort in North America and consistently voted the continent's number one overall resort by American skiers, lift employees are hired for a maximum of two seasons, lest they burn out their courtesy resources. British visits to Blackcomb increased by 54 per cent last winter.

Although most Britons going to North America ski in the United States, and at Breckenridge in Colorado in particular, Canada is the hottest growth market. It now attracts 40 per cent of all North American trade, with most skiers attracted to the Banff area.

Canada's advantages include an easier flight and transfer compared with most American resorts, a cheaper dollar and more impressive scenery.

Many visitors to Colorado are disappointed by the flat panorama that the Rockies present there. It is only up north, especially around Banff, that the Rockies rival the Alps. At Lake Louise, Canada's largest ski area, hanging glaciers on black granite walls loom over a postcard-perfect lake across the shores from the 550-room Château Lake Louise hotel.

Canada's chateau hotels, most dating from the completion of the Canadian Pacific railroad at the end of the last century, are a treat. Europe's palace hotels are prohibitively expensive for the average skier. But in Banff, Lake Louise and Jasper, winter is off-season. The 850-room Scottish-baronial Banff Springs, for example, offers winter specials, including ski passes, at prices equivalent to a B&B in Austria.

European skiers often complain that American resorts are too small. Used to vast interconnected ski regions like the Trois Vallées in France, into which six average-sized American resorts could fit, skiers who expect hundreds of kilometres of groomed trails and unlimited expanses of ungroomed off-piste skiing will feel constrained by roped-off "out of bounds" and "closed" signs in North America.

The compensation is that skiing everywhere in North America is miles safer than in the Alps. American resorts police "slow skiing" zones in high-density areas to prevent collisions, and entertain children in their own sectors closed to boy racers. Avalanche deaths in the Alps run up to 200 per year, at least ten times the American toll.

Skiing in Canada, in terms of safety and snow, is little different from the US. The exception, for the hard-core skier, is Whistler resort, where the two interconnected mountains, Whistler and Blackcomb, with their three glacier skiing areas, come closest to approaching the European off-piste ethos. But it is in wilderness skiing that Canada really soars above the Alps, with a helicopter skiing terrain larger than all the resorts in Europe put together, and with the finest quality powder snow in the world.

Guaranteed snow is what brought Britons to North America in the first place. And even in excellent years in the Alps, like last year, North America tends to pile it higher. Zermatt, Verbier and Chamonix all called it quits in early May last season.

Squaw Valley, Mammoth and Arapahoe Basin were all skiing large areas on American Independence Day in July.

What North America lacks is rustic mountain inns, and the variety of Alpine regional cuisine and local patois that are found in them. The chalet party concept too, invented by the British, is virtually unknown across the Atlantic. So, mercifully, are lift queues; some American resorts guaranteeing a full refund if queues are longer than ten minutes. When American skiers come to the Alps, aside from noticing the language barrier and remarking upon the slowness of the chairlifts, they usually show positive delight at the differences they discover.

Too much British criticism has centred on the hot-dog-versus-*haute-cuisine* divide. Many visitors will find it refreshing that in North America they ski for fun rather than for food.

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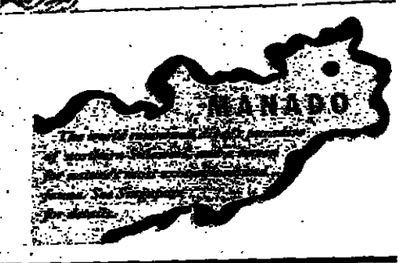
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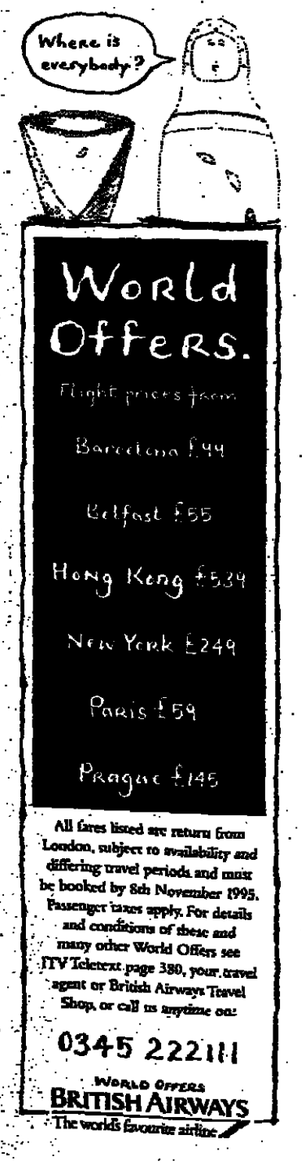
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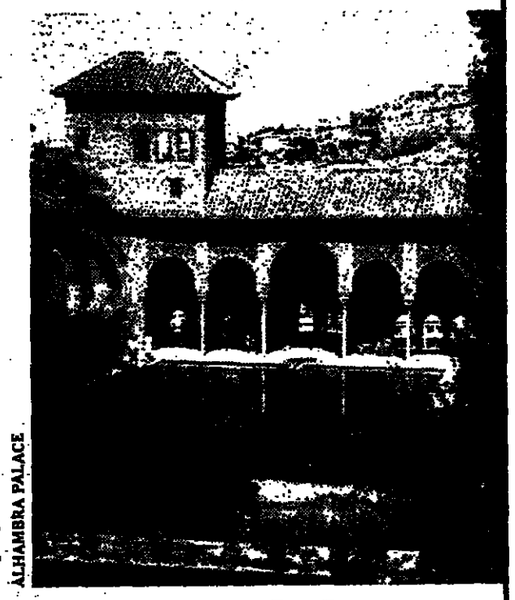
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TALL handsome caring Surrey based professional gentleman would like to meet well balanced affectionate, educated lady (30-40) seeking happiness, companionship and long term relationship, Photo appreciated. Reply guaranteed. Box 0669.

UNBELIEVABLY 62 but healthy and active (like skiing, boating), told am handsome WLTM younger woman (with or without family) any nationality, to share the better things in life. London/south coast. Photo please. Box No 0783.

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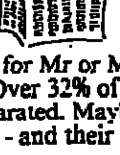
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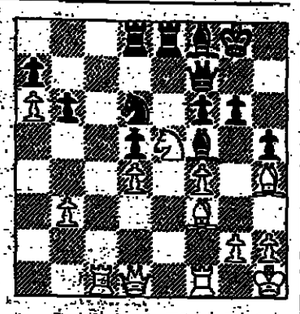
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WHEN the explosion eventually came in the world championship, Kasparov was merciless. It was evident that the string of draws during the first eight games had allowed him to study Anand's style, while the Indian challenger appeared to have learnt nothing. Over games 10-14, Kasparov scored a massive 4.5 points and broke the back of Anand's resistance. Game 14, with Kasparov playing white, is a masterpiece of tension, complexity and a certain amount of bluff.



1 e4 d5. A sensation: the Centre Counter has never before been played in a world championship. **2 exd5 Qxd5.** The alternative is to delay the recapture with 2 . . . Nf6, for example 3 d4 Nxd5 4 c4 Nf6 5 Nc3 Bf5 6 Nf3 e6 7 Be3 Bb4 8 Qb3.

3	Nc3	Qa5	4	d4	Nf6
5	Nf3	c6	6	Ne5	Be6
7	Bd3	Nbd7	8	f4	

This looks dubious. White has small prospect of employing this pawn as a battering ram to smash Black's kingside, and the effect is simply to weaken his light squares.

8	...	g6	9	0-0	Bg7
10	Kh1	Bf5	11	Bc4	e6

Black's queen's bishop is now trapped outside its own pawns, but in practice it is quite secure. A g4 trap is too hard to arrange.

12	Be2	h5	13	Be3	Rd8
14	Bg1	0-0	15	Bf3	Nd5

Here the vigorous 15 . . . c5! would have left White with real problems to solve. 16 Nxd6 Rxd7 leaves White's d-pawn unpleasantly pinned; 16 dxc5?? loses at once to 16 . . . Nxe5, while 16 Bxb7 permits 16 . . . Qb6 with White collapsing.

16	Nxd5	exd5	17	Bf2	Qc7
18	Rc1	f6	19	Nd3	Rfe8

Black now has a small edge. He has driven White's pieces out of the centre, and can look forward to occupying e4.

20	b3	Nb6	21	a4	Nc8
22	c4	Qf7	23	a5	Bf8
24	cxd5	cxd5	25	Bh4	Nd6
26	a6	b6			

White now enjoys possibilities for penetrating the c-file with his rook. But first: 27 Ne5!!? A colossal move. What develops now is a battle royal between Kasparov's tactical genius and Anand's desire to impose and consummate his strategic grip.

27 . . . Qe6? The critical variation must be the capture of the piece, for example 27 . . . fxe5 28 fxe5 Ne4 29 Bxd8 Rxd8 30 g4 hxg4 31 Bxg4 Bxg4 32 Qxg4 Nf2+ 33 Rxf2 Qxf2 34 Qxg6+. Kasparov evaluated this position as follows: "Black will be a piece up for two pawns in the ending, but White is not without counter-chances due to the strong pawn on a6."

28 g4 hxg4 29 Nxg4. Suddenly, the loose co-operation of White's pieces has turned into a concrete series of invasion threats spreading across the board like wildfire.

29	...	Bg7	30	Re7	Ne4
31	Ne3	Bh3	32	Rg1	g5
33	Bg4.				

A powerful strategic blow, totally altering the style of battle. Instead of attacking, White trades queens.

33	...	Bxg4	34	Qxg4	Qxg4
35	Rxg4	Nd8			

Anand is unable to adjust to the sudden switch of circumstances. Kasparov said that Black's last chance was 35 . . . Rc8 immediately.

36	Bf2	Nb6	37	Rb7	Re4
38	f5	Rxg4	39	Nxg4	Rc8
40	Rd7	Rc2	41	Rxa6.	

Black resigns.

At first sight this is somewhat premature, since Black is only a pawn down. However, Black has been thoroughly blockaded, with the knight on g4 dominating Black's bishop on g7.

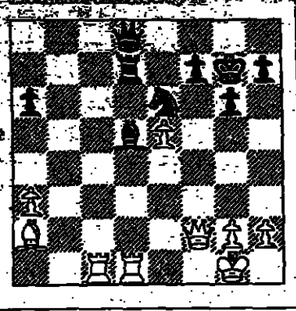
By Raymond Keene

This position is a variation from the game Kasparov - Short, Times World Championship, Game 15, 1995. Short had already resigned before this position arose. What is the simple win that he didn't want to have demonstrated to him?

Send your answers on a postcard to *The Times*, 1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN. The first three correct answers drawn on Thursday will win a British Chess Magazine publication. The answer will appear next Saturday.

Last week's solution: 1 Rxf7 (after 1 . . . Qxe6 2 Rg7+ White has perpetual check)

Last week's winners: J. Wilks-Jones, Beaumaris; Anglesey; E. Heard, Cardiff; A. Mercado, [illegible]



CARTOONE

READERS are invited to write *an amusing caption for the* cartoon, right. The cartoon, from the Punch library, includes the contemporary caption.

The cartoon will be printed again next week on the Games page with a caption selected from those submitted.

Caption suggestions, on a postcard please, should be addressed to: Cartoon caption 78, Weekend Games Page, *The Times*, 1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN.

The Editor's decision is final.

The closing date for entries is Wednesday, October 18.



BEYOND REPROACH.

"I THINK IT VERY INCONSIDERATE OF YOU NOT TO HELP ME GEORGE. YOU SUGGESTED THIS SHORT CUT."



"No, honestly — we wear them on our stomachs and we feel like women."

The winning caption for last week's cartoon (above) was submitted by Anne Hichens of Bampton, Oxfordshire

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

HAUT-BRION
a. A French Pyrenean
b. Tree scaffolding
c. Expensive claret

MUCHACHO
a. A waxed moustache
b. Young man
c. A severe pain

LIDIA
a. A bull-fight
b. A courtesan
c. An Alpine shrub

JADAM
a. Belt-buckle silver
b. Double six at dice
c. A chambermaid

Answers on page 17

COMPUTER GAMES

FEW SETTING off on Shockwaves Express will get very far before their enthusiasm has all but evaporated. Sponsored by the Wella Shockwaves hair-care range, this is to computer gaming what Michael Portillo is to hair-styling.

A contender for "Stinker of the Year", Shockwaves Express is as stale in 1995 as the Avenger Purdey's look. Unapologetically commercial and aimed at children and teenagers, Wella has wildly underestimated their intelligence and boredom threshold.

The CD-Rom title is a futuristic caper, but even ten minutes into the game the player still doesn't get to make a single decision. It's even tricky to load. The animations and graphics are cheap and nasty, barely up to flicker-book standard. The voices behind the characterisations do not so much bring the characters to life as subject them to a slow death — the cast sound bored to their split-ends.

Sadly, even the most dire games costs a small fortune to develop but, unless they had shampoo in their eyes to blur their vision, the people at Wella must have seen that they'd commissioned a dud from the start. Throwing good money after bad could not have saved it, either. As Sweeney Todd might have put it on one of his upbeat days: "This is a comb in my hand; it's not a magic wand."



Breaking the boredom barrier

Two young reprobates, whose hair has never seen a comb, are Beavis and Butt-Head, animated pin-ups of MTV's irreverent cartoon series. A computer game spin-off seemed only natural, but the first result (there are sure to be others) is also something of a disappointment.

Available for the Sega Mega Drive, SNES and other formats, and accommodating one or two players, the game cries out for the sledge-hammer humour of the cartoons. In this game the two boys run around their neighbourhood, avoiding punches and missiles, to find and sell objects to raise a little cash.

Using their television remote control to switch locale, they visit the hospital, a drive-in, their school and the shopping mall. Once they have earned enough, they are able to start collecting, and subsequently piece together, fragments of a torn ticket to a rock concert, their ultimate goal. It is a measly title: crude and flat.

Although it will undoubtedly sell well, purely on the back of the series' popularity, it so lacks longevity that I predict it will be appearing at car-boot sales across the land from next year, if not before.

"This is boring," Beavis and Butt-Head complain regularly during the game. They said it.

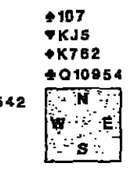
Next week we'll being announcing the results of our Cyberspace Seventeen competition.

TIM WAPSHOTT

BRIDGE

by Robert Sheehan

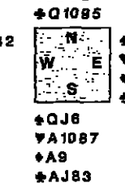
HERE is a defensive problem. You are West, holding this hand: ♠K98542 ♥932 ♦J84 ♣K. South deals and opens 1NT (15-17). North raise to 2NT and South goes on to 3NT. You lead the five of spades (fourth highest, remember) and this is what you see:



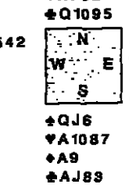
Contract: 3NT by South
Lead: five of spades

Your partner wins the ace of spades and returns the three to declarer's jack. Clearly the declarer's initial spade holding was QJ x What would you do?

At one table in a team match West won the king of spades and cleared the suit, West discarding a club. This was the full deal:



Put yourself in declarer's shoes. He knew that East had no more spades, and he knew that it would be fatal to lose a trick to West. Consequently he cashed the ace of clubs to cater for the possibility that West had the singleton king and made nine tricks when the king did indeed fall. You may think he was lucky and that he would have been a trick short if he had needed to lose a club to East, but that is not the case. He would also have succeeded when the hand was:



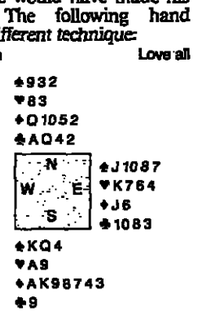
When both defenders played small on the ace of clubs, he would have continued with a second round. East would have won and returned, say, a diamond. Declarer would have won, cashed his clubs and played a heart to dummy's jack. East could win this trick but would not be able to put his partner in and declarer would have the rest — one spade, three hearts, two diamonds and three clubs.

At the other table, West showed more foresight. He wanted to mislead declarer into believing that he had only five spades and his partner had three. Had that been the case, he would certainly have ducked the spade in order to maintain communications with his partner's hand. However, against an expert declarer he had to think more deeply. If he had played the two of spades, declarer may have become suspicious, since if East had had A 4 3 he would have returned the four, not the three. Consequently West played the four of spades, hoping declarer would think his partner had A 3 2. This is exactly what declarer did think and he had no reason to do other than take the club finesse so he went two down.

Ducking is a very useful tool in cardplay, both in declarer play and defence. There are many possible reasons for such plays but one of the more important — and the one I'm illustrating today — is to mislead declarer about the hand.

On the previous hand the duck prevented declarer from finding out the distribution of the spade suit — had he known the true position he would have made his contract. The following hand shows a different technique:

Dealer North — Love all



Contract: Five Diamonds by South
Lead: queen of hearts

W	N	E	S
—	Pass	Pass	1♦
2NT	3♦	4♥	4NT
Pass	5♦	All Pass	

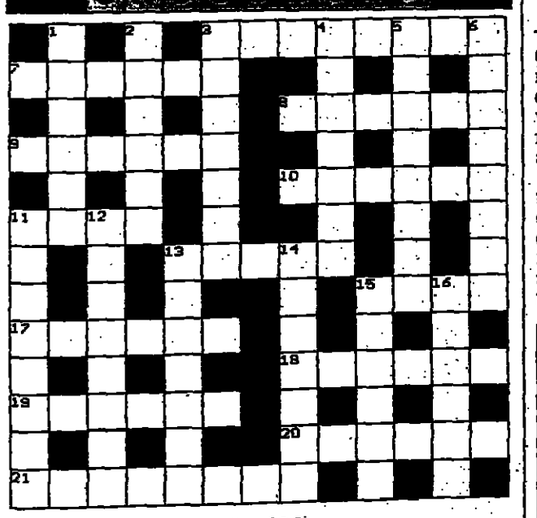
West's 2NT was "unusual", showing at least five cards in the lowest two unbid suits, here hearts and clubs.

West led the queen of hearts. Declarer could see that he had one certain loser in both hearts and spades and there was the possibility of a second loser in spades. If the king of clubs was with West, he could take a finesse and dispose of a loser; but if the ace of spades was with East, there would only be one spade loser in any case. Declarer won the ace of hearts, drew trumps ending in dummy and played a spade to his king.

West (the American John Diamond, part of the team that won the World Junior Championship in 1991) ducked smoothly, so declarer placed the ace of spades with East. He crossed to dummy and played another spade. West won, cashed a heart and played a spade to his partner's jack to beat the contract.

Had West won the first spade declarer would have known he had two spade losers and would have had no option but to take the club finesse for his contract.

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No 600

ACROSS
3 England's western extreme (5,3)
7 For a short time (6)
8 A short time: importance (6)
9 It was *a bridge too far* (1944) (6)
10 Alloy for utensils, tankards (6)
11 Hold; tower (4)
13 Nimble (5)
15 Solution aid (4)
17 Paid escort (6)
18 French (6)
19 A horse; a watch; a sportsman (6)
20 Ride fast (6)
21 Renown, glamour (8)

DOWN
1 Change course suddenly (6)
2 Unlucky accident (6)
3 One rushing heedlessly to ruin (7)
4 A see (7)
5 Crammed with incident (8)
6 Depose from . . . (8)
11 . . . regal state (8)
12 Display of chic (8)
13 Minor illness (7)
14 Bags (7)
15 Unemotionally (6)
16 Agreement; identity of pitch (6)

SOLUTION TO NO 599

ACROSS: 1 Jump the gun 7 Hairpin 8 Cigar 10 Watteau 11 Wrest 12 Nudist 15 Oyster 17 Goner 18 Amalgam 21 Moist 22 Saharan 23 We shall see

DOWN: 1 Joist 2 Maple 3 Tongue 4 Each way 5 Unguent 6 Chewing-gum 9 Retirement 13 Dentine 14 Stretch 16 Tassel 19 Ashes 20 Gorse

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No. 3327: Conversation Piece by Hysterix

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One letter is to be omitted from the answer to each clue and entered in its numbered square outside the main diagram. Definitions refer to the full words; subsidiary indications to the form entered in the diagram. 18 words of "Conversation Piece" (taken from an interview published in this newspaper) will appear in the subtitle (formed by transferring letters from some of the outer squares) and continue with the top, central and bottom rows followed by the left central and right columns. Solvers should shade in the two lights and two outer squares being interviewed. Chambers Dictionary (1993) is recommended.

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Solution to No. 3324: 1A/56A by Mass

Extra letters in jumbled answers yielded "TO NUMBERS I'LL NOT BE CONFIN'D" — Sir C.H. WILLIAMS (with "LETTERS" substituted in the grid at 1A).

The winner is R. Robinson of Harold Wood, Essex. The two runners-up were R.P.C. Forman of Windsor, and Alan Relyea of Blackpool.

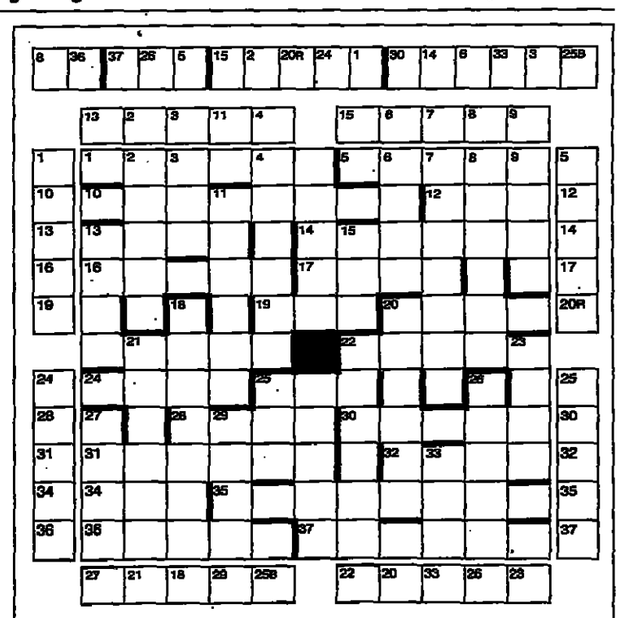
CORRECTION: The winner of No. 3323 was M.J.C Walker of Kendal. The two runner-ups were T.E. Girdlestone of Bridgewater, Somerset, and R.G. Secret of Lowestoft, Suffolk.

ACROSS

1,37 Game point with everyone busy absorbing a bit of exciting stuff (7;7)
5,36 Measure new part to spread coarse stuff Queen kept in garden (6;6)
10,35 Force one in tree to breed abundantly, solver wrongly enters in British name (9;9)
12,34 Little local shelter European enters before superior (4;4)
13,32 Greeting everyone with love to impress a small child (5;5)
14,31 The soul with ecstasy living foolishly? Entirely without point (7;7)
16,30 Customer about to get Scottish flax — English involved in tax exchange (6;6)
17,28 Notice about Ohio rail pollution ain't funny! (5;5)
19,25 Shakespearean descendant among those needed to mend broken tee (4;4)
20,24 A not unattractive loose gown once pledged to silence daughter (5;5)

DOWN

13,23 Glee performing harpy confronts experts (5;5)
2,26 Tony once left church a plate to protect silk fabric (6;6)
3,33 A little tree the old refuse with difficulty (4;4)
11,20 Masons distributing cabs — new one accepted by noble fellow (7;7)
4,22 Synchronised without tension, undersized inner membrane to knit together (7;7)
15,25 To stigmatise old one destroying plant — climbing one on island (4;4)
6,29 More performers use this rubber to saunter along moving beam (5;5)
7,18 Chambers about to probe old signs — note in inferior edition was worn out (8;8)
8,21 Composer, one who drives, left in the battered relic? (7;7)
9,27 Healthy person with big appetite to arrange meeting to sample tons (5;5)



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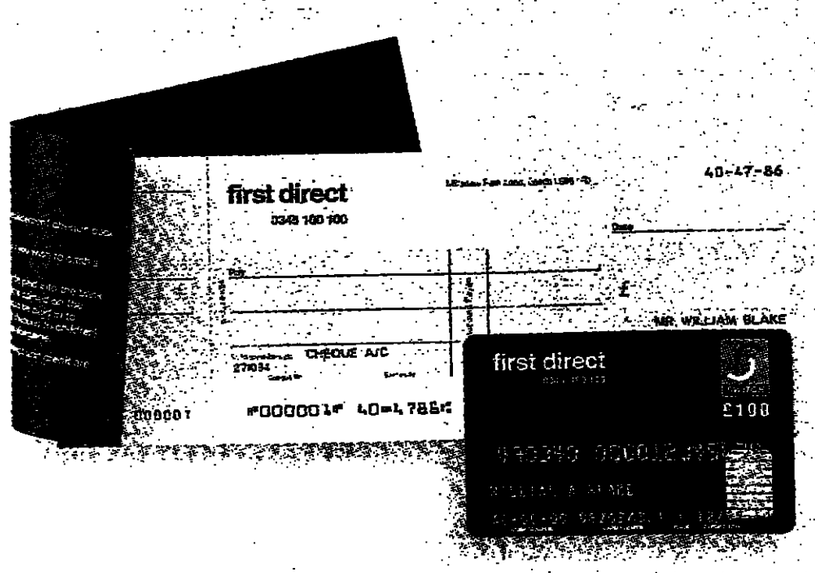
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SATURDAY OCTOBER 14 1995

The most exciting sight on four wheels

Classic photographs of the Ferrari can be yours — at a price, says Kevin Eason

The dark slash of tyre tracks underlined the drama of the moment. An Opel competing in the 1972 Targa Florio through Sicily had slithered into a roadside wall, scattering spectators but hitting one, who was left writhing in agony with a broken leg. The crowd gathered around to help — until a wail of cylinders, as familiar to the thousands of *tifosi* as the melodies of Verdi or Puccini, screamed for attention.

One of the crowd spotted the unmistakable red Ferrari — and the ailing spectator was left alone with his pain while everyone jumped back on to the wall to see the car hurtle past.

No car on earth inspires the devotion of a Ferrari on the track, a devotion celebrated in *Ferrari in Camera*, published next week. The stunning photographs are by internationally-renowned photographer Geoff Goddard, the words by Doug Nye. But this is less a book and more of an expensive love letter extolling the virtues of one of the most romantic marques in the world, with more grand prix victories than

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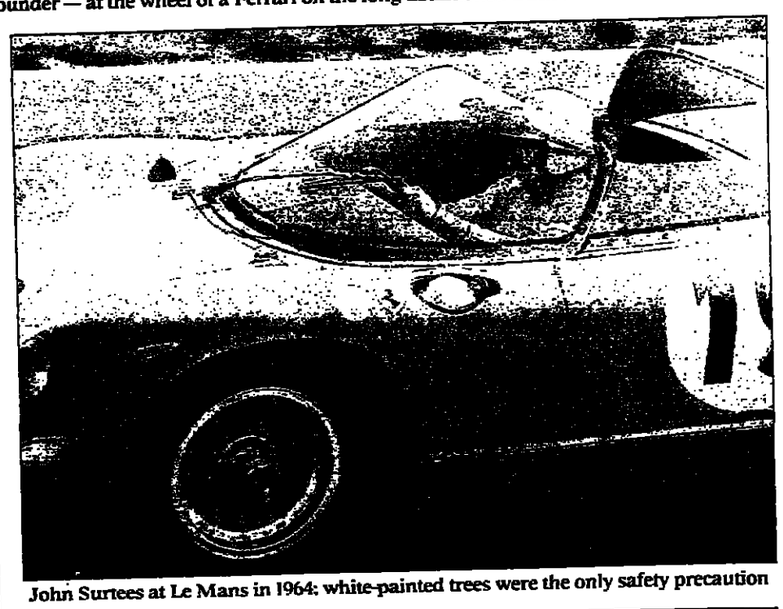
FERRARI's latest model, the F50, is claimed to be the fastest road-going car ever, with a top speed of 202mph and the ability to accelerate from 0 to 60mph in 3.8 seconds. It is a direct descendant of the company's Formula One racing cars, using a variant of the renowned V12 engine. At £300,000, it is also one of the most expensive vehicles in the world.

British enthusiasts will get their first glimpse of it at the London Motor Show which opens at Earls Court next Thursday. It will be featured along with a host of other new cars in next Saturday's special Motor Show edition of *CAR 95*. For further details of our show coverage and reader offers see Page 3.

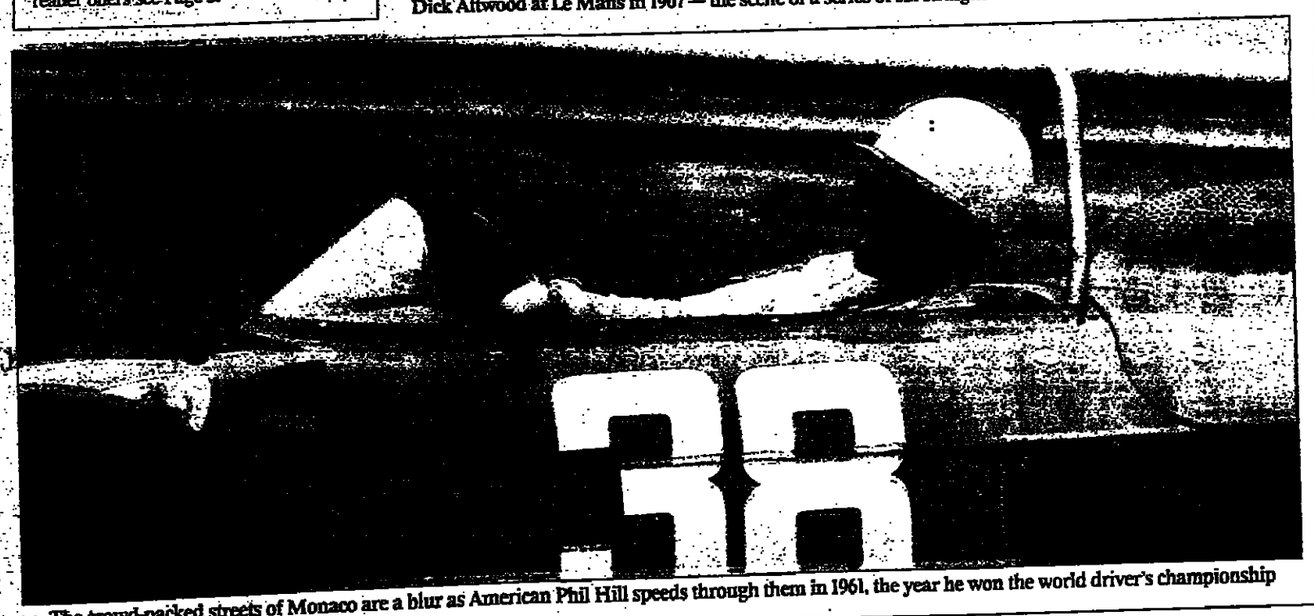
Mike Hawthorn, one of Britain's most celebrated racing drivers — and a favourite of Enzo, the founder — at the wheel of a Ferrari on the long-abandoned track at Aintree in 1955



Dick Attwood at Le Mans in 1967 — the scene of a series of six straight wins for Ferrari during that decade



John Surtees at Le Mans in 1964: white-painted trees were the only safety precaution



The crowd-packed streets of Monaco are a blur as American Phil Hill speeds through them in 1961, the year he won the world driver's championship





A Ferrari's air intake, left, and Lorenzo Bandini at Spa in the 1965 Belgian Grand Prix

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● **LONDON**

A406 North Circular Road, Upper Edmonton. Major roadworks between the Lea Valley Viaduct and Fore Street, which cause regular delays, especially westbound in the *morning.*

A406 North Circular Road, East Finchley. Down to one lane in parts between the A1 and the A1000 for major roadworks.

A2 New Cross Road, New Cross Roadworks on the eastbound carriageway outside New Cross Gate Underground station cause regular delays, especially in the afternoon.

A3 Kingston bypass, New Malden. One lane closed northbound for roadworks approaching the Coombe Lane flyover cause regular London-*bound delays in the morning.*

A102 Blackwall Tunnel northern approach. Closed in both directions this weekend underneath the A13 for major improvement work. Every weekend from 9pm Friday until 9pm Sunday.

London Motor Show. *Earls* Court. Runs from October 19 to 29. Expect heavy congestion along the A4 and in the Earls Court one-way system.

● **SOUTH EAST**

M25 Surrey. Two sets of roadworks and lane closures, between J6 and J8 (Godstone-Reigate) and J9 to J10 (Leatherhead-A3), with additional overnight restrictions which often cause delays.

A287 near Fleet, Hampshire. Major roadworks with temporary traffic lights between the *Mill* Lane dual carriageway and Jacknalls Hill.

M11 Essex. Major repair work due to start on October 15, with a contraflow between junctions 6 and 7 (M25-Harlow).

● **SOUTH WEST**

M5 Avon. Roadworks both ways between J20 and 21 (Almondsbury-Aust) for work on the new M49 second Severn crossing. Restrictions increase overnight and at weekends, when there can be long delays.

M4 Avon. Reduced to one lane *in each direction through a* contraflow between junctions 20 and 21 (near Almondsbury) for work on the new second Severn crossing.

M5 Gloucestershire. Contraflow between J11 and J12 (Cheltenham-Gloucester).

A35 Dorset. Major roadworks between Morecombelake and Charmouth, with traffic reduced to a single lane.

Sherborne, Dorset. The town centre is closed off from 6pm Sunday until 1am Tuesday for the annual Pack Fair.

A3078 Probus, Cornwall. Road closed for roadworks from the A390 junction.

A345 Wiltshire. High Street, Marlborough is closed until Sunday morning for the annual Mop Fair.

● **MIDLANDS AND EAST ANGLIA**

M6 West Midlands. Contraflow between J5 and 6 (A452-A38M) with three narrow lanes each way and speed restrictions.

A441 Birmingham. Pershore Road, Edgbaston is closed for out of city traffic between Priory Road and Pebble Mill Road.

M50 Hereford & Worcester. Major roadworks and a contraflow between junctions 1 and 2 (Tewkesbury-Ledbury).

A14 Suffolk. Major roadworks and a contraflow between Ipswich and Felixstowe.

A47 Terrington St John, Norfolk. Down to one lane eastbound for bypass construction work, with additional temporary lights during the day.

Cambridgeshire. The Autumn *Air Show takes place at the* Duxford Imperial War Museum on Sunday. Expect congestion on the A505 & M11 nearby.

M1 Leicestershire. Major roadworks continue with a contraflow between junctions 21 and 22, near Leicester.

● **NORTH**

M1 J47, Leeds, West Yorkshire. Roadworks and contraflow, two lanes each way during peak-times.

M62 West Yorkshire. Lane closures for roadworks on the slip roads at the Lofthouse interchange *(with the M1)* mean regular delays.

M6 Cheshire. Major widening work near the Thelwall viaduct, between J20 and 21a.

A1M County Durham. Contraflow near Durham between the Carrville and Blind Lane interchanges, with lane restrictions both ways.

● **WALES**

M4 J23-J24 Gwent (Magor-Newport East). Widening work continues in connection with the second Severn crossing.

A449 and A40 Gwent. Major works between Newport and Monmouth, with much of the route down to a single lane.

A40 Gwent. Major roadworks on Hereford Road, Abergavenny expected to cause delays.

A548 Clwyd. Major roadworks and a contraflow between Oakenholt and Kelsterton.

● **SCOTLAND**

A77 Glasgow. Major roadworks at the junction of Eglinton Street, Pollokshaws Road and Cavendish *Street cause regular delays.*

M90 Tayside. Lane closures in both directions for roadworks at J10 (Friarton Bridge).

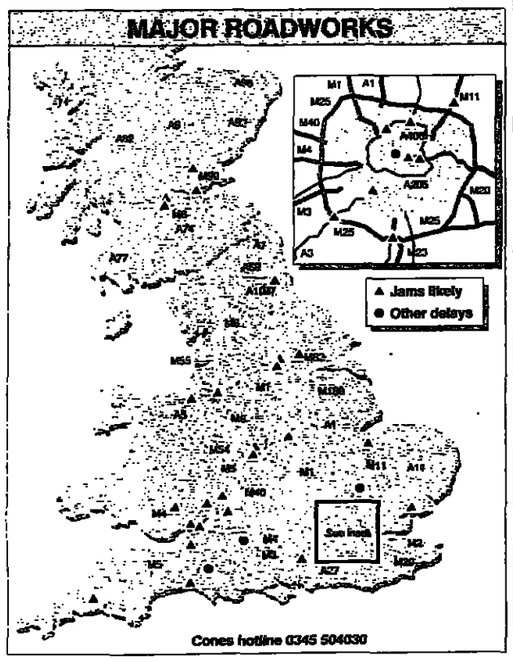
M90 Fife. Major roadworks begin on October 16 with a contraflow between junctions 1 and 2 (Admiralty-Masterton).

● **NORTHERN IRELAND**

A42 County Antrim. Major roadworks and temporary traffic lights at Galgorm.

County Tyrone. Roadworks on the Omagh bypass at the junction with Derry Road and Drumquin Road will slow traffic.

MAJOR ROADWORKS



You know what it says in the warranty book, but what does it *mean*? That's where the arguments start

A cylinder headbanger

DRIVEN TO DISTRACTION



Peter Barnard



Well, what do you know? Two weeks ago I wrote a warning about warranties. Now comes a perfect example of why the warranties that are supposed to offer peace of mind ought to come with a health warning: buyer beware.

My wife's car went in for a routine service last week, during which the garage discovered that the brakes needed overhauling. When the work was finished, my wife was presented with a bill for £303 (including the service), but at that stage the garage had not realised the car was under warranty. The warranty book was produced and the garage said they would be in touch.

Among the items that had been replaced were the rear brake cylinders. In the warranty book there is a clear statement that the cylinders are covered. Two days later the garage rang to say that, "as an act of goodwill", the warranty company had agreed to pay for one of the cylinders.

Given that my warning about warranties was scarcely dry on this page, my intervention seemed appropriate. I explained to the garage that, as Christmas was still far away, we weren't too bothered about goodwill. As an act of ill will, we were holding out for what the warranty book said it would pay for.

You may recall that when I first wrote about this subject I said that warranties tend to mean exactly what they say. By some strange logic, the warranty company in my wife's case had decided that "brake cylinders" in their little booklet meant "complete failure of brake cylinders". But the only thing to be done about a leaking brake cylinder is to replace it: you cannot wrap the thing in Clingfilm. A leaking brake cylinder, by definition, has failed.

I was heartened in this stance by the garage's service manager, who was as mystified as I was by a warranty that said one thing but meant something else. This was further evidence that garages are as inconvenienced by wishy-washy warranty companies as are their customers.

After some delay, the garage rang. The warranty company had agreed to pay for both brake cylinders. Whether this was a doubling of their goodwill or the crumbling of their resolve, I know not. But my wife's bill was reduced from £303 to £184.

What annoys me is that some customers, especially those with a less sympathetic garage, would have paid out in the first place. What I hope this case shows is that persistence usually pays off.

ANYONE from the London area who spent a holiday, or even a long weekend, in Devon and Cornwall this summer will have faced the classic dilemma: hefty mileage and boring hours on the M4 and M5 or a much more pleasant journey down the M3, A303 and A30. The problem with the latter is the stretch from Honiton to Exeter, which consists of a throwback road designed for stagecoaches.

Years ago, a dual carriageway was announced. Naturally, it has yet to be built because the usual mob of objectors has come out of the woodwork. Their tactic has changed — they claim to want a new road, but not this one — but the outcome is the same: more delay.

The issue is not just about roads. It is also about jobs in the British tourist industry, hit by everything from uncertain weather to the claim that one can get to the Costa del Sol faster than one can reach St Ives. This comparison always accounts for road delays but never includes flight delays, but mud tends to stick.

Will the Honiton-Exeter dual carriageway be ready for next year? Nope. Do the protestors give a toss? Nope. Have they taken account of all the pollution from extra fuel burnt on the longer route? Nope.

Fewer motorists fix their own cars — but demand the best from those who do the job for them, says **Alan Copps**

Decline and fall of self-service



FIST/NA

History man: The high technology under the bonnet is beyond the average owner, who expects garages to have suitable diagnostic equipment

The day of the do-it-yourself mechanic is rapidly passing as cars, and especially engines, grow in sophistication. Many drivers who might once have put their heads beneath the bonnet when faced with a fault now concede that the technology of the average car is beyond their powers.

But, as well as making them more reliant on garages, the complexity of modern vehicles is making drivers more demanding of those who service their cars. These are the conclusions of a survey carried out for Bosch, one of the leading companies providing the high-tech diagnostic equipment required to trace faults in modern electronically-managed engines. The survey was aimed principally at the owners of independent garages, to whom Bosch markets its equipment, but it casts interesting light on the changing attitudes of British drivers.

According to the survey, only 8 per cent of drivers now put do-it-yourself servicing as a first option, 20 per cent would turn to a friend or acquaintance with mechanical knowledge, 11 per cent to a garage approved by a component manufacturer, 27 per cent to an independent garage and 34 per cent to a franchised dealer. More than a third of those questioned said they already check that a garage of *any kind has suitable diagnos*tic equipment before entrusting their car to it.

But although such a large number said that a dealer with a manufacturer's franchise would be their first choice, in answer to another question a majority of motorists — 55 per cent — said they thought they would get better service from an independent workshop. This apparent discrepancy between perceived value and actual choice is probably due to the increasing insistence of manufacturers that warranties, on both new and used cars, only remain valid if vehicles are serviced by franchised dealers. That demand is seen as a major threat to the future of the small garage.

The survey, carried out for Bosch by NOP, did not address that issue, but Bosch says the answers suggest that work standards in independent garages — once perceived as the back street cowboys of the industry — have greatly improved during the last decade. In fact the replies indicate that consumers have more faith in the future of the independent garage than those who are directly involved in the industry.

When independent garage owners were asked the same series of questions, 58 per cent said they thought a franchised dealer would be the consumer's first choice.

Andrew Miles, marketing manager of Bosch automotive division, concludes: "While three-year warranties and the power of the franchise will *continue to make finding new* business difficult, it is the industry's own lack of willingness to take advantage of the opportunities currently available, and its own crisis of confidence, that is the biggest *threat to its future.*

"The independent workshop sector can survive well into the next century, but it will require a willingness to invest in technology and people."

The Bosch survey supports the Great British Motorist survey published by the AA in 1992. That found that the number of motorists who did *their own servicing fell from 18* to 8 per cent between 1981 and 1991. This summer the AA warned drivers to read the small print of warranties carefully to check both the manufacturer's schedule of servicing and whether they are *obliged to have their cars* serviced at a franchised garage.

There is evidence that some motorists fear that servicing by a franchise is too expensive for them, they know they can't *do it themselves and thus they* ignore it until a breakdown obliges them to call out the AA.

Luke Bosdet, the AA's technical spokesman, said: "It's really a matter of perceptions. Motorists faced with the demands of warranties feel their hands are tied and that they have lost control over the maintenance of their vehicles. But the pay-off comes in terms of reliability. In theory, cars should be less prone to breaking down, but they still require frequent checks on the basics, such as the levels of fluids and tyre wear etc. If this is done by a franchised dealer, the garage should have the right equipment to monitor engine performance at the same time and *spot any major problems.*

"Our advice to drivers is to check the terms of their warranty and stick to them."

Both surveys underline the importance of trust between drivers and the garages that service their vehicles, a factor which has become an increasing concern of motorists as technology has become more complex.

Again the perceptions of the *independent* garage owner were at odds with those of the driver. Forty six per cent of the independents thought that they were not trusted by drivers. When drivers were asked the same question, this figure dropped to 35 per cent.

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Portrait of the Ferrari

any other team. Goddard's pictures trace the story of Ferrari through its most successful and turbulent era, from Alberto Ascari's first victory in the 1949 Swiss Grand Prix to Gilles Villeneuve, who was driving when Fiat bought the carmaker 20 years later.

It was a time when racing cars were demons to drive and the tracks little more than tarmac strips that claimed many lives. Safety measures amounted to painting tree trunks white along the road in the Le Mans 24-hour race where Graham Hill's Ferrari touched 189mph in 1964.

Hill stormed to second in a car entered by Maranello Concessionaires, the British importer then run by Colonel Ronnie Hoare. It was a clean one, two, three sweep for Prancing Horse kicked aside all challenges in the Sixties, but Tony Brooks and Peter Collins also took the wheel.

For all the victories, tragedy has haunted the team. Lorenzo Bandini, another Ferrari favourite, was killed at the 1967 Monaco Grand Prix, while Englishman Michael Parkes smashed both his legs in a horrific accident in 1967.

But danger is part of the thrill of speed, and Goddard's photographs and Nye's words present a spellbinding tour of one of the great ages of wheel-to-wheel racing. The book is designed as a luxurious keepsake: one of the 1,000 cloth-bound limited editions costs about £300; 100 leather-bound numbered editions, signed by Goddard and Nye, will be closer to £1,000.

Ferrari in Camera is published by Palawan Press, London.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Top to tow

VAUXHALL'S new Vectra has won the title of top tow-car a week before it appears in the showrooms. The Caravan Club chose the Vectra 2.0i GLS while best diesel was the Rover 620SDi and best super mini the Volkswagen Polo 1.6GL. The Hyundai Sonata V6 was the surprising winner of the £16,501-£22,000 category. The Ford Galaxy 2.8GLX won the MPV class.

Round 'em up

TRY TO imagine a British car boss — all grey suits and Rotary Club badges — doing this: Ross Roberts, a Ford vice-president in the US, took to faded jeans and buckskins to ride in the Mesquite Rodeo in Texas to introduce the company's new pick-up. Apparently, he once worked as a rodeo rider. Ian McAllister, Ford of Britain's chairman, at a point-to-point next for the launch of the new Fiesta?

Goodwood video

SIXTY thousand people saw the real thing, but a video celebrating this year's Goodwood Festival is now available, featuring interviews with legendary drivers such as John Surtees, Dan Gurney, Derek Bell and Phil Hill and stars such as Nick Mason, Pink Floyd's drummer, a fanatical car collector. Available from Sonoptics Communications, Rosier Farm, Coolham Road, Billingshurst, West Sussex, *RH14 9DE*, price £12.99 plus £1 postage and packing.

Skoda hath charms

STRESSED? Not with Skoda's Stress Kit to soothe the troubled breasts of Britain's motorists. The kit advises lots of bunching muscles and finger exercising, while the voice of Dr David Lewis calms on a cassette. There is even a Stressometer so that drivers can measure the extent of their rage before they set off. The angry, or even slightly upset, should ring 0345-745745 for their free kit.

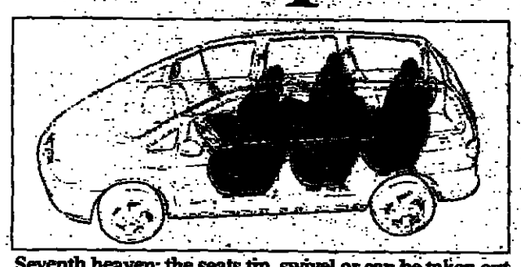
The A galactic journey into space



Your chance t new Galax

The Ford Galaxy brings a US-style people-mover to Britain. **Kevin Eason** finds plenty of room for admiration

A galactic journey into space



Seventh heaven: the seats tip, swivel or can be taken out

In the beginning was the humble saloon. And it was any colour so long as it was black. And Henry Ford did look on his work and see that it was good. And he created the station wagon ... and a paradise of colours.

The station wagon begat the hatchback and the saloon begat the coupé, but in the age when Ford's offspring have prospered comes a new generation: the people-carrier.

Ford's Galaxy is among the plethora of vehicles charting new territory in Europe, trying to entice buyers away from big estates and burly off-roaders and into something built for the family that wants to combine leisure driving with day-to-day commuting.

For the school run, there is the option of seven seats to take the family brood and next door's children too, belted up in comfort and safety. For the weekend, simply take out unwanted seats, plug in a portable fridge and an interior bike rack and off you go to the wilderness.

The Galaxy means flexible motoring. Once you buy a saloon, that is it — you are pinned into that four-door/five-seat configuration forever. An estate might have more room and, with seats folded, can offer astonishing loading space in some models, but folding the rear seats is the limit to the options.

Off-roaders look good and allow drivers to sit high, looking down on traffic, but they are big, heavy, thirsty for fuel and usually have little or no boot room, despite their vast bulk.

But a Galaxy also allows drivers a panoramic view over a line of cars, is easy to look after and drives like a large car — a series of reasons for many to think about switching to a vehicle generically known as a multi-purpose vehicle (MPV) — or, to put it more simply, a people-mover.

Ford did not arrive at the Galaxy by accident, for the people-mover has been popular in America for years. To confirm that the trend was due to cross the Atlantic, Ford surveyed 49,000 motorists to find out what they wanted, and discovered that the Galaxy would not just appeal to drivers with big families.

Retired drivers wanted something to carry their grandchildren around in at weekends, while Thirtysomething-things-with-no-kids wanted the freedom of packing a vehicle as driveable as a car with their cycles and luggage to cruise motorways to a weekend holiday spot.

Then there were the couples with enough children to start a scout troop and nowhere to put them in a conventional saloon or even four-wheel-drive vehicle with five seats.

The Galaxy, even fitted with seven seats, is, surprisingly, only as long as a Mondeo, but a few minutes behind the wheel will convince drivers that they are in an inflated limousine rather than a van. The Galaxy is surprisingly nimble, easily around a multi-storey car park or parked with ease in the street. It takes a few hours to summon up courage in heavy traffic, but drivers soon learn that it will slide in and out of gaps just as easily as a regular saloon; better, in fact, because the driver sits so high.

With a choice of 2-litre and 2.8-litre petrol engines, there is plenty of power aboard so that even a full load of people and luggage means the Galaxy will not be struggling on the motorway or long hills. There is also a 1.9-litre turbo-diesel that offers the sort of frugality that makes many a family man, burdened with mortgages and Sainsbury's food bills, a happier motorist.

The motorway ride is sheer pleasure because there is little intrusive noise from wind, engine or tyres. Combine that with a stereo system — controlled from an easy-to-use steering column handle — and the whole family can sing-along-a-Ford happily mile after mile, while driving is simple, the five-speed gear throw adapted from the Mondeo is just as easy to use.

The seats flip and swivel, the backs turning into airline-style food trays with cup-holders so that the rear can become a mobile dining room instead of straightforward transporter.

The Galaxy is the ultimate flexible four wheels on the road: a load carrier for the DIY fanatic, the school-run vehicle, the executive car, the motorway cruiser, or the vehicle that tugs up and down mountains for a weekend jaunt.



Ultimate flexibility: Smooth and silent on the motorway, the Galaxy is surprisingly only as long as the Mondeo and slides in and out of city traffic as easily as a regular saloon

FORD GALAXY 2.0GLX

Price: £17,750.

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Performance: 0 to 60mph in 12.1 seconds, top speed 110mph, fuel consumption of 28.5 miles on average to the gallon of unleaded.

Insurance group: 11.

Equipment: Electric-powered tilt and slide sunroof, Ford RDS (Radio Data System) radio and stereo cassette, electric door mirrors, remote electronic locking system with alarm and engine immobiliser, plus seven seats which can be folded, moved around the cabin or removed. Extras include fridge and cycle racks.

I'm pickin' up good directions . . . now drivers know exactly where they are

THE FIRST car to be offered with on-board electronic navigation as standard is to be launched next week at the London Motor Show, *Vaughan Freeman writes.*

Routefinder will tell drivers of Mitsubishi's Carisma saloon exactly which turning to take, which motorway junction leads to their destination, how long their journey might take and how much it will cost.

Within five years a third of all new cars in Europe will be fitted with some sort of navigation system using small screens and electronic voices. European Geographic Technologies (EGT), which has just negotiated with Ordnance Survey to load maps on to compact discs and mini information cassettes for such systems in Britain.

For drivers with a hatred of dual carriageways, Routefinder can supply a scenic route from A to B, or even one that avoids low bridges. If the chosen route is jammed, alternatives are offered at the touch of a button from the pocket-sized unit.

Mitsubishi, offering Routefinder as standard fit on the 1.8 Carisma and as an option on the 1.6, believes it will prove a useful selling point especially to company car drivers.



Carin: Better than a Paris taxi driver

Also at the show will be the Philips Carin system, several steps beyond RouteFinder, and developed initially for the BMW 7-Series. In traffic-plagued Paris, seasoned taxi drivers proved slower in tests than motorists with absolutely no knowledge of the city who had Carin on board.

Carin relies on space technology and an array of computers to fix a driver's position within 20 metres anywhere in the world, and on a voice box to advise on the next turning, distance to destination, and to update the route should the driver take a wrong turn.

TESTED in the crawling grid-lock that is midday London traffic, Carin effortlessly guided our Range Rover from outside Mossiman's restaurant in West Halkin Street SW1, to Paulton Square off the Kings Road, and back. It was unobtrusive and simple to use. A clear and easy-to-read arrow appears on a tiny screen telling whether to go left, right or straight ahead, backed up by the voice.

A large-scale launch of Carin in Britain is now awaiting the availability of suitable compact disc-based maps, which EGT expects to introduce next year covering London, the South East and the Midlands, then most of the rest of Britain by 1997.

When it arrives, the highly sophisticated Carin is likely to cost several thousand pounds, compared to the more modest £200 for RouteFinder, but both should save time, fuel and stress for users.

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NEXT WEEK

See the show and win a Galaxy

NEXT WEEK's issue of *CAR 95* will be devoted to one of the most exciting London Motor Shows for many years. As well as carrying the entry form for our contest to win a Ford Galaxy, it will offer competitions and opportunities for readers who want to visit the show and the issue itself will act as a voucher for cut-price entry on a *Times* readers' evening on Monday, October 23. Unlike some other offers, readers of *CAR 95* do not need to belong to a club to take advantage of these opportunities.

We will offer our own guide to the most exciting stands at the show and to the transport trends which are emerging from the large number of new cars launched this year, many of which will be seen by a wider public for the first time at Earls Court.

The show opens for Press Day on Wednesday and Preview Day, for which tickets carry a premium price of £14, on Thursday. On Friday, the first day that the show is open to the general public, *CAR 95* will be available, a day earlier than usual, outside Earls Court and on selected stands at the show. It will contain a voucher for £2 off the normal admission price of £6 valid from 5pm-9pm on October 23. Readers taking up this offer will also be entitled to a free copy of *Complete Car* magazine by taking along their copy of *CAR 95* to the magazine's stand.

This is a show no motoring enthusiast or prospective car buyer should miss. More than 50 new models will be shown by the 45 makers exhibiting, who represent more than 99 per cent of the vehicles sold in the British market. Highlights will include an extraordinary range of new sports cars from makers across the world including the sensational MGF, the Lotus Elise and Ferrari's stunning F50.

THE LONDON MOTOR SHOW

The show also offers visitors an unprecedented opportunity to compare the range of multi-purpose vehicles — American-style people-movers — that have been launched this year, including the Galaxy, Peugeot 806, Honda Shuttle, Citroën Synergie, Chrysler Voyager and Fiat Ulysse.

● The show is open from 9.30am until 7.30pm from Thursday to Sunday and on Saturday October 28. On Sunday October 29 it is open from 9.30am until 6pm. From Monday to Friday the following week it is open from 9.30am until 9pm. ● Ticket prices: At the door: Preview Day, all-day £14; October 20-29, all-day, adults £9, OAP/child £5; after 5pm, adults £6, OAP/child £5. Advance booking (closes today): Preview Day, £14. October 20-29, all-day, adults £7, OAP/child £4. Earls Court Box Office: 0171-244 0338.

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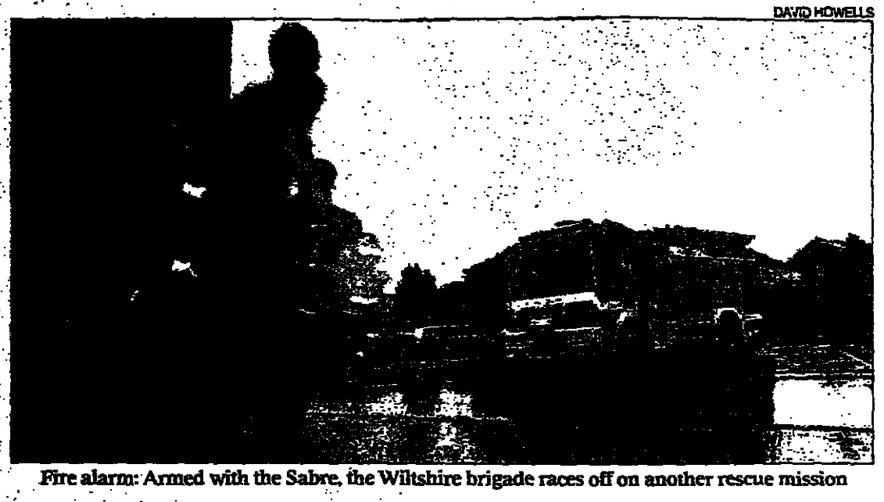
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Sabre at the cutting edge



DAVID HOWELLS

Fire alarm: Armed with the Sabre, the Wiltshire brigade races off on another rescue mission

It is a moment of supreme power. A fire engine, aluminium ladders gleaming in the sun, blue lights flashing, siren wailing, parts city traffic like a mechanical Moses. Mere cars cringe in the gutter as the great red Leviathan thunders past on a wave of decibels.

Whatever the emergency, the crew must be equipped to tackle it, for the fire engine has many roles as a high-speed sophisticated rescue vehicle, carrying enough equipment to stock a hardware store — an enormous technological leap from the first fire engine of the 18th century, which was little more than a pump on wheels. Then, teams of men pumping for all they were worth could only manage to squirt a jet of water 80 feet.

Now a fire tender has to be equipped to deal with complex blazes involving chemicals or explosive materials, so the development of the modern fire tender over the past 200 years has been forced to accelerate rapidly in recent times. As well as an enormous water tank and hundreds of feet of hoses, its perpendicular sides can be opened up to reveal trays of tools, cutting equipment, ropes and esoteric gadgets.

Fitting all this into a vehicle that must have rapid performance, responsive but safe roadholding, total reliability and a 15-year service life is hardly the easiest of design tasks. But that is what the fire engine makers must do.

Dennis is the oldest of them in Britain. Founded 100 years ago, it delivered the country's first motor driven fire engine to Bradford in 1908 and today supplies 42 per cent of all local authority fire engines in in the UK. The company's latest vehicle, the Sabre, with powerful turbo-diesel engine, anti-lock brakes and skid control costs about £100,000 without equipment, up to £150,000 with all the goodies.

Following a management buy-out in 1989, Dennis has seen its output tripled. It designs and builds the fire engine chassis and stainless steel and glass fibre cabs, and a separate company, John Dennis Coachbuilders, is among those that manufacture and fit the mainly aluminium rear bodywork and equipment.

John Dennis, managing director and grandson of the founder, explains: "Everything has to be stowed safely in compliance with a European Union directive. Drop-down trays with lighter objects are above, heavy stuff down below, so that firemen will not be injured moving or stowing equipment."

He rolled up the covers on the flanks of a Sabre to display neatly stacked and labelled drawers with compartments for hand cutters, pickaxes, sledge hammers, wrenches and crowbars. In another set were beaters for heath fires, big forks to deal with burning hay and straw and brooms, because firemen often clear up afterwards.

Below was a portable pump and two hefty fire extinguishers; above, controls for the mast floodlights plus portable lighting with tripods.

At the rear of the vehicle were 14 hoses in 100-foot lengths, divided between offside and nearside. Above were high-pressure hoses, used for tackling nine in ten fires. At the back a "flake hose", which attaches to a hydrant, unravels behind a moving Sabre. There is equipment for tackling chimney fires and trays carrying hydrant adapters, fluorescent waistcoats, sand to absorb oil or fuel, and hydraulic rescue equipment including spreaders and rams. There is a manual winch, and a giant fan to disperse smoke or spread foam.

Tucked away behind and below all this is the 400-gallon water tank (most domestic systems have between 50 and 70) with baffles to stop it slopping around too much. Full, it weighs 4,000lbs.

The Sabre's roomy cab has a touch of *Star Trek*. Rechargeable torches are plugged in everywhere. There is a computer, sophisticated radio equipment and engine and systems instruments.

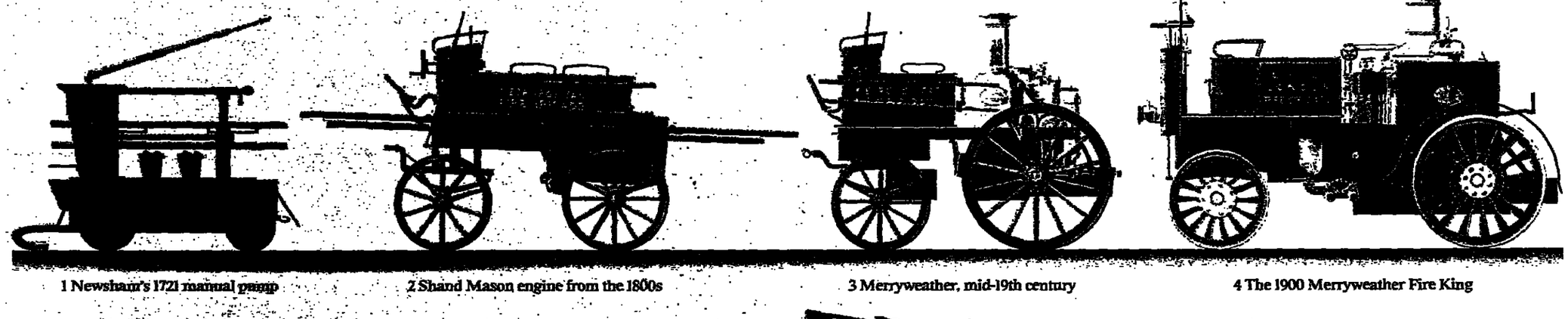
On the roof are blue lights and there is a choice of sirens — from melodious to wailing — while on the back are three easily accessible ladders, the main one 46 feet long.

Carrying all this, 29 gallons of fuel and six crew, the Sabre weighs up to 13 tons, yet it has to be quick, nimble — and safe. Clive Peters, Dennis's test driver, is used to showing it off to customers from China, eastern Europe, the Far East, Middle East and Europe — and winning orders. One contest with a rival manufacturer was so convincing that Peters was back at base drinking tea by the time his competitor returned.

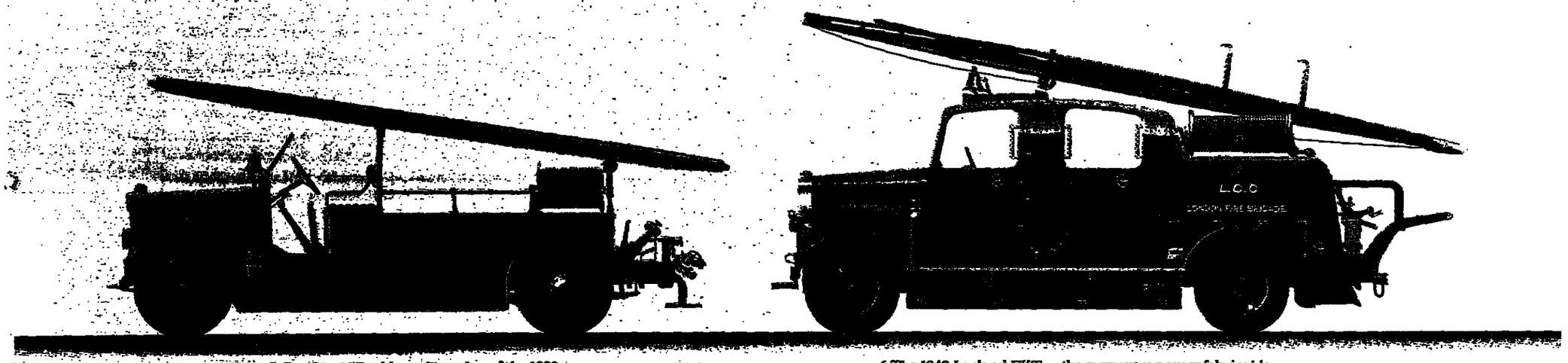
Under his guidance, I got the chance to take 13 tons of gleaming red fire engine on a pretend emergency around the Chobham military test track. The steering was surprisingly responsive, the five-speed automatic gearbox slick and smooth, and the roadholding — despite the mobile hardware store and the mini-lake in the back — convincingly secure, as the tyres howled on a "snake" test, the road rising and falling with odd cambers. The Sabre went up a one in four hill like an elevator.

A quick burst on the siren and I was a little boy in his element. But the Sabre is not a toy. So next time you hear a Sabre cutting through the traffic behind you, move over quickly. If you don't, your rear-view mirror will be filled with the word SINNED — Dennis in reverse — and that's what you will have done if you delay the parting of its way.

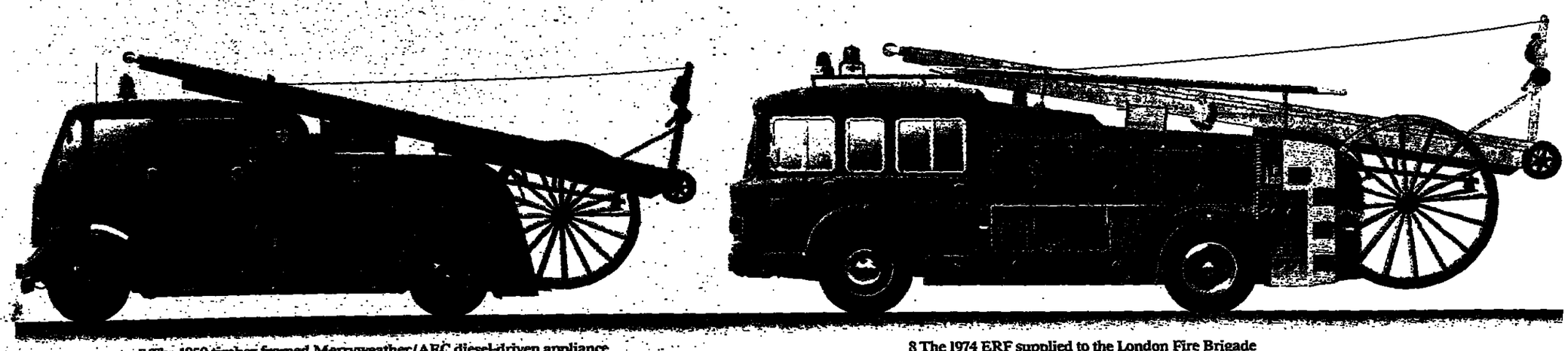
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1 Newsham's 1721 manual pump — 2 Shand Mason engine from the 1800s — 3 Merryweather, mid-19th century — 4 The 1900 Merryweather Fire King



5 Dennis Brothers' "Braidwood" engine of the 1920s — 6 The 1940 Leyland FKT — the crew were now safely inside



7 The 1950 timber-framed Merryweather/AEC diesel-driven appliance — 8 The 1974 ERF supplied to the London Fire Brigade

Engines of change throughout 270 years of fire alarms



9 Dennis's Sabre, state-of-the-art in a line of British fire-fighting that stretches back to 1721

1 THE NEWSHAM manual pump, made by Richard Newsham from 1721 and in use for almost a century, was the basis for the first purpose-built fire engines in Great Britain. The design of the pumping mechanism enabled the top-mounted spout to direct water on to a fire in a steady stream — a factor just as important today in putting out a blaze. Newsham Manual pumps were capable of throwing a jet up to 80 feet, a big step forward from buckets or "squirts" which operated like a giant syringe, sucking in water, then spewing it out, and could pump 36 gallons a minute — with plenty of effort from the crew of at least six people, who also had to pull and push it to the scene.

2 IN THE early 19th century, the design of manual fire engines slowly improved, with larger and horse-drawn versions appearing. The manual horse-drawn engine was typical of the type produced by various companies, such as Merryweather, Hadley, Simpkin & Lott, Shand Mason and others. As many as 22 volunteers — 11 on each side — would pump the levers up and down for payment of a coin of the Realm . . . or pints of ale. Beer was clearly preferred, with the cry of "Ale, more ale!" used to inspire faster pumping, up to 150 gallons a minute. If the ale supplies dried up, so did the pumping.

3 STEAM-POWERED, horse-drawn fire engines appeared in 1829, and by the early 1860s great interest was being shown by many infant brigades. Shand Mason and Merryweather produced the majority of steam-powered fire engines, which could pump up to 350 gallons a minute. All were built to the "Braidwood" pattern, in which the firemen sat on either side facing outwards on their way to a fire. This design of bodywork also applied to horse-drawn manual fire engines of the period, the style named after its designer, James Braidwood, superintendent of the London Fire Engine Establishment from 1833 to 1861. Horse-drawn steam fire engines were built up to about 1910, but some were still in use at the outbreak of the Second World War in rural areas.

4 IN 1900, Merryweather produced the first self-propelled fire engine in Britain, known as the Fire King. By utilising the steam equipment for the fire pump to drive the back wheels via chains, and a steering system on the front axle, a totally self-contained unit was possible. The self-propelled steamer was short-lived, however, being overtaken by the simpler, cleaner internal combustion engine. London Fire Brigade had many Fire Kings built, but unfortunately no examples have survived.

5 DENNIS Brothers of Guildford, Surrey, produced their first fire engine in 1908 after a few years of making motor cars. By the early 1920s, the familiar shape had appeared, still using the Braidwood style of bodywork to seat a crew of six, with the pumps fitted either to the rear (as shown) or midships under the driver's seat. A water tank of at least 60 gallons was also fitted, with the machine now capable of pumping 1,000 gallons a minute. The style is typical of most makes of fire engine, although earlier models had solid tyres, pneumatics appearing in the late 1920s. Even early petrol-engined fire engines were capable of a good turn of speed, and 50mph could be easily reached by most 1930s versions. Dennis produced the last open fire engines for use by British brigades 50 years ago.

6 THE 1940 Leyland FKT, made for the London Fire Brigade, showed how priorities changed to take account of the safety of the crew. Leyland Motors supplied its first fire engine to Dublin in 1910, but by the middle of the century safety of the crew on the way to blazes was causing concern because firemen had been thrown off open engines and killed. The "limousine" style appeared in the mid-1930s, ensuring more safety — and a dry ride — and that enclosed style remains. The design was familiar throughout the 1950s, remaining in service until the mid-1960s. A hefty six-cylinder petrol engine was used to drive the vehicle to top speeds of 55mph and, when needed, the 1,000 gallon-a-minute fire pump.

7 DESIGNS of fire appliances (to give the correct title) changed radically after the Second World War, with Merryweather, of Greenwich, in conjunction with AEC, of Southall, London, making this dual-purpose model in 1950. The vehicle marked a change to diesel engines, but it took until 1978 for all fire brigades to change to diesel propulsion. The timber-framed bodywork was clad in aluminium sheeting, a large 1,000 gallon-a-minute fire pump was fitted, plus a 100-gallon water tank. There was also more room for bigger ladders, although the 50-foot wheeled escape shown here has its origins back in the horse-drawn era. The Merryweathers lasted well into the 1970s, but only three out of 114 made are known to have survived.

8 THE LATE 1960s saw ERF enter the market, supplying vehicles for about ten years. The 1974 version was typical of several batches supplied to London Fire Brigade as dual-purpose vehicles. The cab area and locker doors were glass fibre, the remainder timber and steel-framed clad in aluminium. A Godiva multi-pressure 1,000 gallon-a-minute pump, plus 300-gallon water tank, was fitted. A 50-foot wheeled escape is shown, but London dispensed with those in 1984 in favour of Angus Sacol 45-foot (13.5 metres) three-section aluminium ladders. These V8 diesel engined ERFs have only been phased out of service recently.

9 DENNIS celebrated its centenary this year with the Sabre. Now Dennis Specialist Vehicles, the company introduced the Sabre with a multi-pressure fire pump, high pressure hose reels and 400-gallon water tank. This purpose-built appliance with its Cummins turbo-charged diesel engine, Allison automatic gearbox, stainless steel cab and aluminium-framed bodywork can speed safely to an emergency at 60mph with full crew and enough gear to answer every need, from a crushed car or a chip-pan fire to a blaze in a tower block. It is a state-of-the-art vehicle . . . and a far cry from the Newsham manual of 1721.

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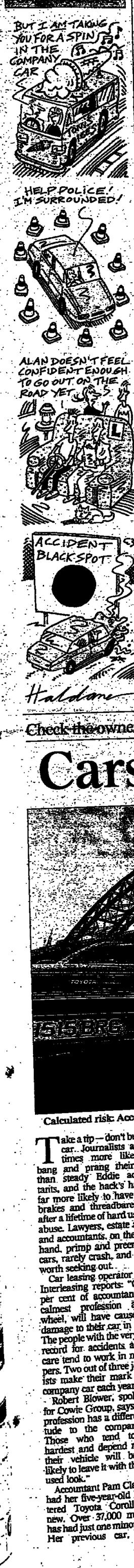
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Helen Mound meets Jan Fletcher, Britain's only female major player in the dealer business

Woman in the driving seat

The head of one of Britain's fastest-growing motor dealer chains is young, glamorous . . . and a woman.

Jan Fletcher is not just a survivor in a man's world but the only woman in the British motor industry to own and run a major dealer group. Aged 41, she is chairwoman and sole shareholder of the Leeds-based Fletcher Group, running six franchises with a turnover of £50 million a year, selling Peugeot, Citroën, Rover, Saab, Volvo and Ford.

Ms Fletcher did not start as a secretary or a graduate, neither did she inherit a family firm. She bought her first shares when she was just 12 and her first company — a near bankrupt haulage firm — with pocket money savings when she was 20.

By the time she was 29, Ms Fletcher had already sold the haulage company which she had turned into a profitable firm, having expanded into commercial vehicle sales with three garages in Manchester and Huddersfield.

Currently she owns four major businesses. Alongside the Fletcher Group, she owns Bryan's — billed as the "legendary fish and chip shop in Leeds". She liked the food so much she bought the restaurant, which now has a turnover of £1.25 million and serves 10,000 customers a week. Ms Fletcher also has a property and investments company and a health firm.

Getting to the top of the male-dominated motoring industry wasn't easy for the young, but entrepreneurial Ms Fletcher. "In the early days it was very difficult to get funding," she says. "Men were suspicious of a woman in an executive post. Thankfully, attitudes have changed."

She might have no problems in dealing with men, but admits that women friends have had bad experiences with salesmen in the intimidating atmosphere of the car showroom.

"I advise women, if they are ignored or treated badly, to take their business elsewhere," she says.

That sort of advice should shake motor dealers. Women are becoming an important force in the car market, increasingly buying their own models and influencing the decision of partners.

"Salesmen hate talking to women about finance," Ms Fletcher says. "They are somehow embarrassed, yet surveys show that around 80 per cent of decisions on financing a car are made by women."

Her eye for a good business and ability to turn failing firms around stems from her training as an accountant. "Most of my decisions to buy a firm rest on analysing the books," she adds. "There's nothing I enjoy more than a cup of coffee and a satisfying pile of numbers to crunch. There is no point being in business if you do things the same way as everyone else. It's a challenge to stay ahead of the game."

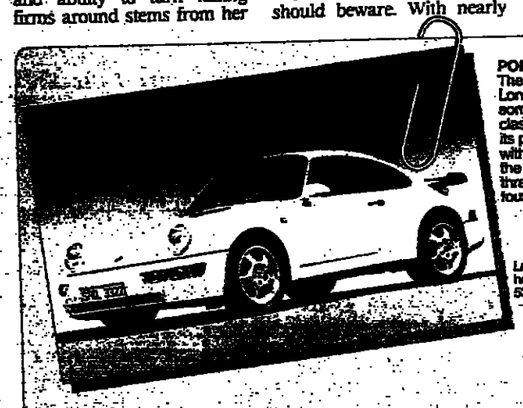
Fletcher's was one of the first dealerships to offer a courtesy car to its customers, a sign of the innovation that a fresh mind could bring to a 100-year-old industry.

Dealers around Britain should beware. With nearly 6,000 British motor businesses changing hands each year, Ms Fletcher is seeking new opportunities, currently looking for a dealership at the luxury end of the market, which would produce stronger profits to offset the rest of the volume operation.

Before even attempting a bid, Ms Fletcher will turn up in the showroom to take a customer's-eye view of the business, arriving in a taxi because the local cabbie is sure to know any gossip surrounding a business that could be shaky or set for big growth.

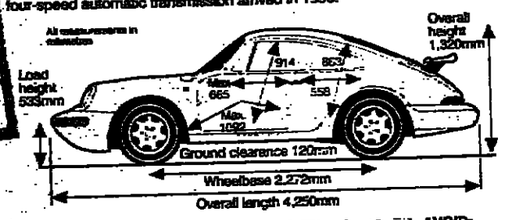

Jan Fletcher: Challenge

USED CAR BRIEF



PORSCHE 911

The 911 celebrated its 30th birthday in Britain last year, and at next week's London Motor Show the time-proof design gets a fillip with the launch of some new 911 derivatives. The 911 boasts one of the most recognisable of classic car shapes. The flat-six, rear-mounted engine is revered as much for its performance as for its stimulating noise. The range was improved in 1974 with wider wheels and wheel arches and more driver-friendly suspension, and the famous Carrera name was reborn for the 2.7-litre version. The 156mph three-litre 911 Turbo was launched in 1975 and the clever Tiptronic four-speed automatic transmission arrived in 1990.



GOOD NEWS: The 911 is now seen more for what it is: a car with a fine engineering, race and sports heritage, rather than a symbol of grasping "appledom". Despite the go-fast tag, city and town driving in a 911 is no problem, and even slower 911 drivers will find that long journeys can be enjoyed rather than endured.

BAD NEWS: The 911 is much sought after, particularly by thieves, a factor reflected in painful insurance premiums. Without adequate alarms, aided by off-street parking and, ideally, a garage, any 911 could prove too tempting especially for professional thieves who steal such cars to order.

SAFETY RATING: Huge brakes, race-proven chassis and superb acceleration when most needed for overtaking make the 911 a safe car. However with the engine in the rear, it also has a fearsome reputation, for taking unwary drivers by surprise in corners with the back end overhauling the front, especially in the wet.

REPLACEMENT PARTS: (Prices include VAT) Clutch assembly £230; full exhaust £600; front damper £245; rear damper £115; front brake pads £35; alternator £390; starter motor £270; tyre £125.

AVOID: Alloy wheels that have been damaged by clumsy parking are expensive to replace, as are worn high-performance tyres. Very high mileage models, and cars that have suffered the indignities of non-approved bolt-on extras will lose value quickly.

INSURANCE: Cover from AA Insurance (0800 444777) for a D-reg 1987 911 Carrera, costs a 55-year-old male professional living in Winchester, with full no claims bonus, £713 a year fully comprehensive, and a similar female pays £868. A 22-year-old male with one year no claims living in South London, pays £4,372 a year, and a similar female pays £3,719.

PRICE RANGE: Expect to pay £22,000 for a 1989 F-reg Carrera Coupe on 65,000 miles, £16,000 for a 1984 911 Carrera on 80,000 miles, £17,000 for a D-reg 1987 911 Carrera, £35,000 for a 1992 K-reg Carrera 2 Targa, and £27,500 for a 1991 H-reg 911 Carrera 4 Convertible.

LOOK FOR: Cars with a full service history. Models from 1976 got galvanised steel bodies, earlier ones should be scrupulously checked for rust problems.

OVERALL: The 911 is a high performance sports car, and any skimping of service will come home to roost by way of big bills for the new owner seeking a bargain. A full service history for a 911 is essential. Cars backed by Porsche dealers might seem more expensive initially, but buying a cheaper model without a history is almost certain to prove a bogus saving in the long run.

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EXECUTIVES at Ssanyong, the latest Far Eastern company to break into the British market, are trying to trace the 1,200 owners of its new four-wheel-drive Musso vehicle.

For once, the letter that drops on the mats of the 1,200 owners will be good: Ssanyong wants to extend the warranty cover on their vehicles. Three year warranties on 4x4s are relatively rare, but Ssanyong clearly has plenty of confidence in its Mercedes-powered vehicles.

Owners will be offered the comprehensive cover, which also includes 60,000 miles of driving, plus roadside assistance and recovery for three years, in a mailshot going out this week from International Motors, the importers based in West Bromwich.

Ssanyong is the newest name on Britain's motoring stage and the latest in a line of vehicles coming from the fast-expanding motor industry in South Korea. Body design was by Ken Greenley, one of Britain's top designers, while Mercedes provides 2.9-litre diesel engines. Mercedes' petrol engines will arrive next year, boosting Ssanyong's chances of attracting more drivers away from conventional badges in the 4x4 market.

Check the owner's job when buying second-hand, says **Vaughan Freeman**

Cars of good account


Calculated risk: Accountants such as Pam Clarke and Peter Cronin are from the calmest profession at the wheel

DRIVERS AND THEIR RECORDS

Profession	% in accident in last year	Condition of car
Journalism	61	Average
PR/Printing	53	Average
Charity workers	47	Average
Construction/building	42	Poor
Computer servicing	41	Poor
Computer sales	30	Average
Pharmaceutical sales	29	Average
Manufacturing	28	Average
Retailers	21	Average
Insurance	11	Good
Building society staff	11	Good
Bankers	10	Good
Estate agents	8	Good
Lawyers	7	Good
Accountants	5	Good

Source: Cowie Interleasing.

Take a tip — don't buy my car. Journalists are 30 times more likely to bang and prang their cars than steady Eddie accountants, and the hack's hack is far more likely to have worn brakes and threadbare tyres after a lifetime of hard use and abuse. Lawyers, estate agents and accountants, on the other hand, primp and preen their cars, rarely crash, and so are worth seeking out.

Car leasing operator Cowie Interleasing reports: "Only 5 per cent of accountants, the calmest profession at the wheel, will have caused any damage to their car in a year. The people with the very worst record for accidents and car care tend to work in newspapers. Two out of three journalists make their mark on the company car each year."

Robert Blower, spokesman for Cowie Group, says: "Each profession has a different attitude to the company car. Those who tend to work hardest and depend most on their vehicle will be more likely to leave it with that well-used look."

Accountant Pam Clarke has had her five-year-old H-registered Toyota Corolla from new. Over 37,000 miles she has had just one minor scrape. Her previous car, also a Toyota, was unscathed in her three years at the wheel.

Pam, 38, who runs her own chartered accountancy firm in Gateshead, Tyne and Wear, says: "I have had the Toyota from new. While I get it serviced regularly and so on, it's not all clean and shiny. I'm not out there every Sunday polishing it. And when the garage wanted to charge me £272 for a new indicator switch because it was squeaking, I told them to forget it — and now it's stopped squeaking.

"I'm a fairly calm driver, not rushing from one set of traffic lights to the next, though there are times when I mutter under my breath." Such mutterings occurred most recently when Pam was almost forced on to the central reservation of the M1, boxed in by three trucks and the one inside her suddenly started pulling out, having not seen her car.

Pam's business partner is Peter Cronin, 35, who has had a licence for 15 years and who does about 7,000 miles a year in his K-reg Vauxhall Nova GSi. He says: "I used to do a lot of commuting from Leeds back home to Newcastle, and you soon learn to drive defensively after seeing crashed cars by the motorways.

"I have had two accidents in 15 years. I was stopped at a pelican crossing and somebody drove into the back of me. Another time I was following a driving instructor's car down a dual carriageway. I noticed the sign on top of the car was working loose and so slowed down, and then the learner sign came off and landed on my bonnet."

So whose cars are best cared-for? Those most likely to be "good" and have tyres and brakes in the best condition were owned by accountants, lawyers, estate agents, bankers, building society staff and insurance company employees. To be avoided are cars formerly owned by staff in computer sales and servicing. Cars formerly owned by journalists, charity workers, printers and those in advertising and PR, are most likely to have had a crash in the past 12 months, have high tyre and brake wear, and be in only average condition.

Only 5 per cent of accountants have had an accident — be it a bump or a serious collision — in the past year compared with 11 per cent of building society staff, 30 per cent of computer sales people, and 47 per cent of charity workers. A sobering 61 per cent of journalists have had a smash in the past year.

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After years of being mocked by the cynics, the Czech carmaker has upmarket plans for its centenary. **Helen Mound** reports

A dash of Skoda to celebrate



In from the cold: The 1959 Felicia, left, and its 1995 LXi version, which has been built with a new feeling of consideration and pride

What do a Czechoslovakian bookseller, a bicycle manufacturer and King's Lynn in Norfolk have in common? The burden of 100 years' worth of bad Skoda jokes. The bookseller and cycle-maker founded the Czech car firm; the East Anglian city is where the cars were originally imported. It's now twinned with Mlada Boleslav, near Prague, where Skodas have been built for the past century.

In 1895 Vaclav Klement, the bookseller, and Vaclav Laurin, the cycle-maker, founded Skoda, producing bicycles and motorcycles. Since then, the business has grown to be one of the largest companies in the former Eastern bloc, with a daily output of 750 cars; its latest Felicia estate is a car very much in tune with the 1990s.

To celebrate its centenary, Skoda is building 1,000 special edition "Laurin & Klement" Felicias, 500 1.6-litre estates and 500 1.3-litre hatchbacks. Only 150 will come to the UK. Aside from the unique indigo metallic paint, leather upholstery, heated seats and alloy wheels, the special edition heralds the launch of two new safety features in a Skoda: anti-lock brakes and driver's airbag.

In the late 1890s Laurin & Klement launched an innovative motorcycle which became the model for all modern bikes. It is claimed that as technical director Laurin spent many sleepless nights trying to figure out the best place to fit the engine in the bicycle's frame.

The duo swiftly extended their production to three-wheeled motorcycles, and in 1901 produced their first four-wheeled vehicle, the "voiturette". By 1911 Skoda was producing a highly respected, elegant sports car, the Phaeton, which had an all-wood body with a veneer finish and a top speed of 50mph.

Before the 1940s, Laurin & Klement cars were popular on roads from Japan to Mexico, and the company had established subsidiaries in central Europe, Moscow and Rio de Janeiro. In 1933 Skoda launched a small saloon called the Type 420. A revolutionary design in its day, it formed the basis for many new models, but there was little innovation to come from the company for the next 60 years.

After the Second World War, political and economic isolation meant that Skoda lost contact with the world's automotive trends. Since the 1940s it has built cars that, although adored by loyal customers, were viewed with cynicism by outsiders. Today the company believes it can change the cynics' preconceived ideas, thanks to its acquisition by Volkswagen and the subsequent injection of DM60 million (£27 million)) in 1991.

> Skoda has spent £5m to escape the comedy prejudices

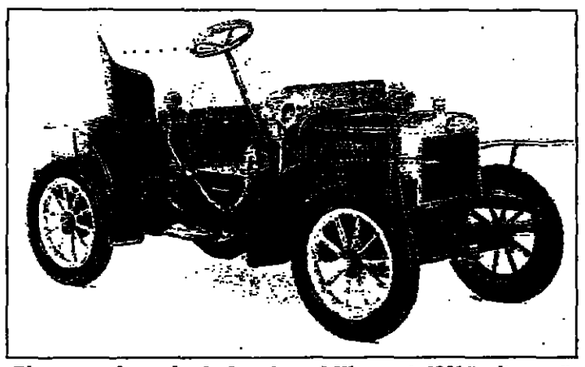
In the UK — Skoda's third biggest market after Germany and the Czech Republic — the company has already spent £5 million this year on a marketing campaign designed to pull its image away from the comedy prejudices.

Had Skoda waited one more year it might not have needed Volkswagen's money to modernise its products and image. In 1990, prior to the VW takeover and under the Czech government's old law of pooling industry profits, Skoda made just £16.25 profit on every new car sold; since 1992, when the government allowed industries to control their own profits, the firm has made more than £625 per car.

As Skoda's Czech press officer puts it: "Once the factories were poor and the government was rich, now the factories are rich and the government is poor."

Nevertheless, after a crash course in modern car production from Volkswagen in the early 1990s and a quick overhaul of its current models, Skoda set about working on the Felicia, which was launched in hatchback form in June. That has been followed by the estate version, which will make its debut at the London Motor Show and go on sale in November.

Where the company does fall down in its loyalty ratings, however, is at home in the Czech Republic. Unlike Ford workers in Essex and Rover employees in Birmingham, Skoda employees find it financially impossible to become drivers of the marque. With an average wage of £250 a month, the new Felicia is well out of their reach, currently selling in its homeland for £5,250.



Pioneer on four wheels: Laurin and Klement's 1901 "voiturette"

ROAD TEST: The 1.3-litre Skoda Felicia estate goes on sale November 17, the 1.6 and 1.9 diesel models are to follow next Spring. Despite Skoda's obvious improved build quality, specification and even image, the 1.3-litre Czech engine in the new estate is to be avoided by all but the technically-unsympathetic. It's a small unit that sounds strained at speeds above 50mph and pulling a heavily laden estate will mean it's likely to suffer more.

The new 1.6 and 1.9 diesel Volkswagen units, however, are perfectly capable for the job of estate-lugging. The two trim levels, LXi and GLXi, offer all the standard features of a compact-class Western car; child locks, radio/cassette player and rear seats that split 60/40. The GLXi also benefits from central locking and a sunroof.

Inside the Felicia estate, the effects of VW's investment are clear. The switchgear is stylish and solid, the seat trims smart and hardwearing. A new feeling of consideration and pride has gone into building these cars.

Prices for the Felicia estate will not be confirmed until next week at motor show, but they are expected to compare favourably with the Ford Escort estate's base price of £10,760 and the Citroën ZX estate's £10,615. The new Felicia is a very convincing car in the mid-range market. Only the naive would laugh at today's Skodas.

Engine: Four-cylinder, 1.3-litre/68 bhp, 1.6-litre/75 bhp, 1.9-litre diesel/64 bhp. **Transmission**: five-speed manual. **Performance**: Max: 90mph (1.3 litre), 100mph (1.6). **Economy**: urban cycle 39.8mpg (1.3). **Price**: about £9,000.

MG row settled by Rover

ROVER has settled the row that has split two of Britain's car clubs vying for members among owners of the new MGF sports car.

The company was recommending free membership of the MG Car Club, angering officials of the 50,000-strong MG Owners' Club, the world's biggest single marque organisation.

Roche Bentley, secretary of the MG Owners', said that the decision showed "blatant favouritism" to the rival MG Car Club. And Rover agreed. Denis Chick, the company spokesman said: "We always intended that membership of the MG Car Club would be offered. That was the car club which started with the company and, although it is smaller than the MG Owners', it is dedicated to the enthusiast, as it was right from the beginning.

"Owners of the MGF are free to choose whichever club they want, but we decided that the MG Car Club was the right one to offer them. If they want to take it up, that's fine. If they want to join another club, that's up to them."

THE DEFINITIVE statement of intent from Rover will be a blow to the MG Owners', but the MG Car Club defended itself yesterday in the face of Bentley's criticism.

Paddy Willmer, editor of *Safety Fast*, magazine for the MG Car Club — membership 11,000 — said the club began in 1930, while John Thornley, former general manager of MG Cars, was president until his death last year.

"The dealer arrangement is entirely voluntary," he said, "and has not been imposed by Rover. MGF owners can make up their own minds. At the end of the day, MGF owners will settle on the club which best serves their interests — maybe even both, as is the case with the majority of our members."

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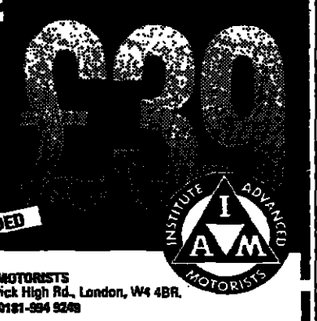
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A Roller is now the Standard

Norman Wisdom tells **Andrew Pierce** about his life's wheels of progress

STEERING COLUMN

Norman Wisdom, the octogenarian comedian, is back where he belongs. He is returning to making movies at the Pinewood Studios, Buckinghamshire, where he last had a starring role 25 years ago. Filming begins next May on the revival of J. B. Priestley's *Adam & Evil*. Wisdom plays the role of Adam Tobert, a kindly old gentleman who yearns for a companion.

The veteran actor, who made his name as a slapstick comedian, has more energy than most men of 50. He jogs four miles most days, takes cod liver oil, never smokes and rarely drinks.

Wisdom, however, does not take kindly to suggestions of a comeback. "I have never been away," he says.

He has been working continually in theatre, radio and television in all four corners of the globe. The Rolls-Royce Silver Spirit on the drive of his Isle of Man home, his Nissan sports car and apartment in Epsom are testimony to the demand for his services.

"There is no fun like work," he says. Or driving his car, it seems.

How did you first learn to drive?

My mother taught me. It was like a dream come true. I had not seen her for 11 years. My parents split up when I was nine. I lived with guardians who never paid any bills and chucked me out. I knew where my grandparents were and I went to their house one Christmas. There was a present for me under the tree with my mother's address on the back of the parcel. I went to see her. It was the best Christmas present that I ever had. We got on so well.

She taught me to drive in her car, which was a Riley. I was so proud of her, the car and the fact she was teaching me to drive. I loved them both forever after that.

What was your first car?

A Standard. It cost me £27. I paid for it from my first wage packets as a telephone operator at Willesden exchange. I had just done a stint in the army youth service.

It was a sort of love affair with the car. She was better than my first girlfriend — but you should have seen the girlfriend. She was well below standard. The car worked fine. I will not say whether the girlfriend fired on all pistons.

What car do you drive now, and why?

A Rolls-Royce Silver Spirit. Being only 5ft 4½ins, I have to open the door and run and jump to make it into the seat. I once had a two-door Mulliner Continental Bentley. I was a raving lunatic to sell it. Since I got lucky, I've had three Rollers of different ages. I have had this one for six years.

When I drive it I say to myself: "Norman, this is mine." It's all a long way from the Standard, which was succeeded by an AJS 350 motorbike.

ROBIN MAYES



Octogenarian Norman Wisdom and his "other car" — a Nissan 200SX. The Rolls-Royce is for special occasions

Do you like driving?

Yes, particularly my other car, a Nissan 200SX. It's a nice sports coupé with a special body kit on it and special wheels. I love driving it on the Isle of Man where the roads are quiet. I drive the Roller only on special occasions. My friends like coming in it for a spin.

What is your most hated car?

Any which bashes into me, particularly if I am peering over the wheel of the Roller.

What is your dream car?

My Rolls-Royce — until I change it for another one. I do hope that rumour is not true that they are changing the Spirit of Ecstasy. Who are they going to put there instead? Mrs Thatcher? Not a bad idea.

What is the most unusual thing you have done in your car?

I'm married and divorced now, so it does not matter. I enjoy the company of older women these days. They are so much more grateful.

What is your worst habit in the car?

I'm such a fusspot about cleanliness. The car has to be clean inside and out. I clean it myself. It's too tall for the car wash, and I don't think it would do the leather roof of the Roller much good.

I have the black sheepskin seat covers on the front seats cleaned regularly. But they might have to go. They are so comfortable. I'm always frightened I might drop off. And it's a long way down to the car's floor for me!

What infuriates you most about other drivers?

When they overtake. I don't mind so much in the Roller because I coast at a gracious 60mph. But I am not so keen when I am in the sports car. They normally wolf-whistle when they overtake and recognise me. It takes me back to when I was an errand boy at Liptons. No one took any notice of me until I whistled. Motorists are always surprised when I wolf-whistle back. How else do you think I got people taxis when I was a page boy?

What do you listen to in the car?

I have my own cassette tapes. No point in a compact disc because they don't make Mantovani CDs. I listen to the occasional football match. I used to be a director of Brighton, and as a child used to bunk into Arsenal matches. Being a tiny tot had its advantages. I still follow the fortunes of both clubs.

Have you ever had points on your licence?

No. But that is a good point.

If you were Secretary of State for Transport, what is the first thing you would do?

Resign. If that did not work, I would swap places with the minister's chauffeur.

What is your favourite or most hated car commercial?

I prefer to watch *Last of the Summer Wine*, *Only Fools and Horses*, *Rising Damp* or *Dad's Army*. Anything but commercials!

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Q Is it true the Government has ordered clamps on cars that have no tax disc in the windscreen? Why do we bother having Vehicle Excise Duty anyway?

A Because it is a lucrative source of income for the Treasury. Road tax was worth £4 billion last year, but ministers want the £163 million from drivers who won't bother to pay this year.

Q Where on earth did such a silly system start? Is it a new-fangled way of raising money thanks to the growth in car ownership?

A Road taxes are as old as roads themselves. In 1637, Charles I twigged that there was money in wheels and levied a tax on private carriages and hackney cabs. The rot set in after that.

Q But when did the present system start, and why tax discs?

A You can thank the "People's Budget" of 1920 which introduced a charge of £1 per horsepower. This had the ludicrous effect of raising the annual tax on a Model T Ford from just over £4 to £23 — the same as a 3-litre Bentley. Vehicle log books appeared at the same time, and cars had to carry a tax disc to show the horsepower bill had been paid. But there was more to come.

Q Presumably the Government discovered it had a clever way of making money.

A On the button. Winston Churchill decided in 1925 that the road tax could be used for other projects outside of road building — and a monster was born. By 1937, British motorists were the most highly taxed in the world. According to the *Guinness Book of Car Facts*, a driver with a 1.5-litre family car doing more than 12,000 miles was paying then £30 a year motoring taxes compared with just £8.23 in the US.

Q How much do drivers pay to the Treasury now?

A An astonishing £19 billion this year, the AA estimates. Yet the entire transport budget (not just roads) is expected to fall to £4.4 billion. And the Government still needs the money — hence this latest crackdown.

Q What will these new measures mean to us?

A Nothing if you display your tax disc. Unlicensed cars will be clamped and drivers will have to pay £68 to have the dreaded Denver Boot removed. If the car is impounded, the bill goes up to £135 plus storage charges, and if you cannot produce your tax disc, there is another £100 to find. Probably not worth evading a tax that is only £135 to start with. A pilot scheme starts in London's Kensington and Chelsea next year.

Q But what if my tax disc falls out of the windscreen and cannot be seen by the police?

A Don't worry. Sir George Young, the transport secretary, says that police will check with the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency to find out if the tax has been paid, so only evaders need worry when they see the clamping man peering into the windscreen.

Q The clamping man! Does that mean our streets will have these dreaded clamping teams?

A Sorry, didn't I mention that? By the end of 1996, every local authority will need teams to catch the tax dodgers — but you can safely assume that their responsibilities will extend to fitting a new Boot to your car if you park it where you shouldn't.

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